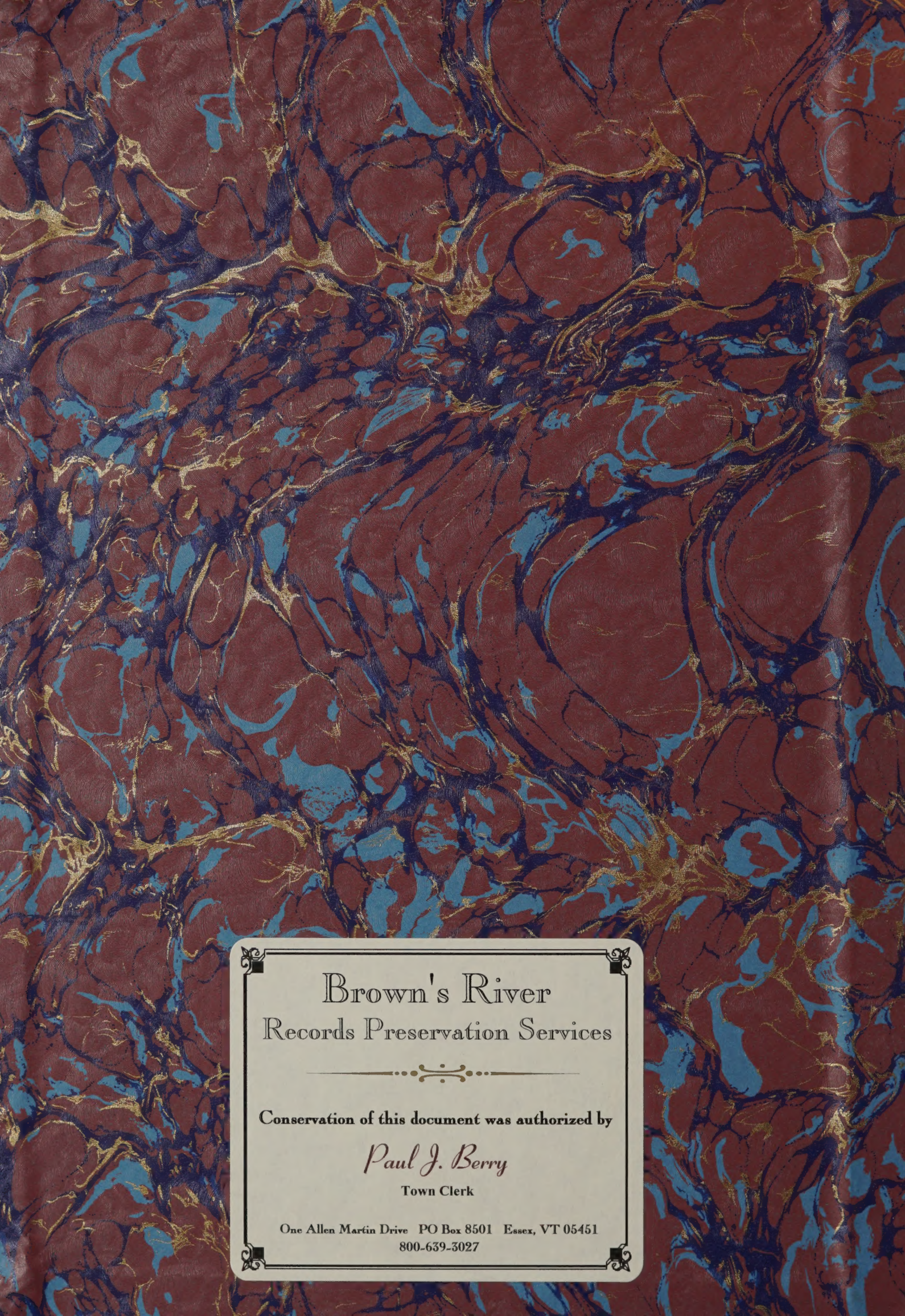

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Know all men by these Presents That We Viz. John Willson Esq^r and Thomas Mellen Gent. in the Capacity of Agents for the Town of Hopkinton and Thomas Mellen Gent aforesaid and Samuel Chamberlain yeoman with Gilbert Deneh Gent in the Capacity of Select men and Overseers of the poor of the Town of Hopkinton aforesaid all of the aforesaid persons belonging to the Town of Hopkinton aforesaid in the County of Middlesex and Province of the Massachusets Bay in New England are Holden and Stand firmly Bound & obliged in each of our Capacitys aforementioned Unto John Temple of the Town of Southborough in the County of Worcester & Province aforesaid Gent as the is Town Treasurer of and for the Town of Southborough aforesaid in the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds lawfull money To the which payment well and truly to be made We the above Named John Willson, Thomas Mellen, Samuel Chamberlain and Gilbert Deneh in Each of our Capacitys as Agents, Select Men and Overseers of the poor of the Town of Hopkinton aforesaid Do bind each & every of our Selves and each and every of our Successors in the said Capacity and Offices aforesaid Joyntly and Severally Unto the said John Temple as Treasurer aforesaid and unto his Succesor & Successors in said office of Treasurer for said South^b as Witness our Hands and Seals the Thirtieth Day of August anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Three and in the Thirteenth Year of his present Majesty^s Reign

The Condition of the aforewritten Obligation is such That Whereas there is a Controversy Subsisting Betwixt the Town of Hopkinton and Southborough aforesaid about and concerning the maintainance of Elisha Bruce and Esther Bruce his wife and their Children, Offspring or Posterity. And the aforesaid Towns having Candidly and Mutually agreed that the Town of Southborough aforesaid Shall & do fully release all Demands on said Hopkinton for all past Charges that said Southborough has been at in Consequence of said Bruce with his Wife and Children or Offspring having heretofore been poor and Chargeable to said Southborough and also to pay to said Hopkinton or the aforesaid Persons of Hopkinton in their Capacity aforesaid the Sum of Nine pound lawfull money Over and above what said Southborough has heretofore Advanced: And said Hopkinton Shall bear all their past Cost and Charge that the said Hopkinton has already been at for the Support of said Family and in the Law about the said poor Persons and that for the future forever hereafter Shall take effectual care of and maintain and Support the aforesaid Bruce, his Wife and Children or their posterity as Shall and may be Necessary So as to Save from time to time forever hereafter the Town of South^b aforesaid from all cost Charge and trouble whatever that may or Shall arise in & by any ways or means whatever by reason either of the aforesaid persons being poor or Necessitous So as to Stand in need of help and support for them or either of them or any o

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or either of theirs forever (unless they or either of them by law gain an Inhabitancy in said Southbo hereafter) And now on Condition and provided that the said Town of Hopkinton or the aforenamed persons of said Hopkinton or their Successors or any of them shall in and by all things well and truly do and perform as shall and may be necessary and that in and by all things according to the true intent and meaning of what is aforewritten and expressed so as forever to save the Inhabitants of said Southborough from all future Charge, Cost and trouble arising by said Bruce &c as aforesaid Then the aforewritten Obligation to be void and of none Effect else to stand and remain in full force and virtue

Signed Sealed and Delivered
In Presents of

agents { John Wilson (Seal)
Thom[s] Mellen (Seal)

Peter Barns
H: Y Brue
Phineas How

Select Men and Overseers of the poor { Samuel Chamberlain (Seal)
Thom[s] Mellen (Seal)
Gilbert Denis (Seal)

The aforegoing is Recorded by Jon[a] Ward Town Clerk

Rec[d] Mr Stone's Rec[t] for Sallary

Southborough Feb. 18. 1774.
Then Recieved of Mr John Temple Treas[r] the Sum of Sixty Six pounds thirteen Shillings and four pend Lawfull money in full of my Sallary for the year 1772. I Say Recieved by me

Nathan Stone

Entered & Recorded By Jon[a] Ward Town Clerk

Settlement with the Town Treasurer 1774

At a Meeting of the Select men of the Town of Southborough in the County of Worcester Feb[y] the 28th Day a. d. 1774 having Examined the acc[t] of Mr John Temple as He is Treasurer for the Town aforesaid for the Present year of his Treasurership ending March next find that He has been charged with the sum of One hundred thirty five pounds four shillings & 2 p[r] £135:4:2:2

and that He has produced proper Vouchers shewing that He has paid one hundred & twenty Nine pounds eleven shillings and 3½ 129:11:3:2

and there now remains due Five Pounds twelve shillings & eleven pence for which the said Temple as Treasurer aforesaid is accountable Exclusive of what is Assessed for the year anno Domini 1773 £5:12:11:0

Recorded by
Jon[a] Ward Town Clerk

Tim[o] Brigham
Isaac Johnson
William Collins
Jonathan Ward
Josiah Fay
} Select Men of said Southb[o]

Worcester ss. To Messrs. Mark Collins & Joseph Newton Constables of the Town of Southborough in the County of Worcester aforesaid or either of them ---------- Greeting

In His Majesty's Name you are hereby Required to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town who are Qualified to vote in Town Meetings to Assemble and meet at the publick Meeting House in said Town on Munday the Seventh day of March next at twelve of the Clock at noon on said Day to act on the following Articles Viz.

I To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2 To Chuse Town Officers for the year Ensuing as the Law Directs

3. To chuse men to Inspect the Killing of Deer contrary to Law

4. To chuse Grave Diggers, a Poundkeeper & a person to Lock and unlock the Meeting House & to Sweep the same

5. To agree upon and grant a sum of money to repair Highways in said Town the year ensuing

6. To Chuse a Committee to Hire a School Master the year Ensuing

7. To agree upon and grant a sum of money to pay a School-Master and other Town Debts the year ensuing

8. To Consider & allow any Town Debts that shall be brought in by those to whom the Town is Justly Indebted

9. To See if the Town will determine by vote to let their Swine run at large the year ensuing

10. To See if the Town will determine by vote to move the School into the several parts of the Town the year Ensuing and How it shall be moved

11 To chuse a Committee to Squadron out the School if they See cause

12 To hear the request of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston and act thereon as said Southb.o shall think proper and pass any legal vote or votes concerning the Rights and Priviledges of this and the other English Colonys in America & the Infringements on the Same that shall be thought by said Southb.o proper when Met

13 To See if said Southb.o will abate & Sink the Rate Set on the Pole of Joshua Newton a.d. 1772

14 To See if Said Southborough will repair the Work House in Southborough

15 To See if the Town of Southb.o will Sink and abate the Rate Set and appraised to James Lewis late of Southb.o Viz 4 pound 9 and 3d 0 7/1 being 3/2 1/4

16 For said Southb.o to give leave for Some of the Inhabitants to improve the work House as a noon House on Sabbath Days &

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let the same to Thomas Stone to work in on week Days and pass any other legal vote or votes about the same that shall be proper

17 For said Southbo to Discontinue and make Sale of the whole of the cros Road or way now land one used as a Cros way from Dan Angiers Northwesterly over Stony Brook till it enters into the Road that leads from Samuel Phillips to Isham Bellows Viz. To John Angier his Heirs and Assigns or any other person or pass any other legal vote about & concerning the same that may be proper

18 To See if said Southbo will Discontinue and make Sale of any part of the way leading from John Angiers to Robert Fays & How much of it or otherways open the same the full width where its incroached on

19 For said Southbo to open all other Town ways where they are incroached upon or Sell a part of the same & pass any legal vote concerning the same

20 To call the agents of Southbo in the controversy with New Rutland about Eunice Simpsons Maintenance to an acct to know what is the Reason Southbo has not had the money they expended for her Support and cost of Court Reimbursted. and other Agents to Render an acct of their Agency that have not done it

21 To hear the Return & and accept of a Road as laid out by the Select-men of said Southbo from Nathanael Gibbs to the Westerly part or Side of the land belonging to the Heirs of Benja Morse late of Said Southbo

22 To See if the Town of Southbo a cros will Sell or lease to Joseph Ball the way leading by his now Dwelling House viz. from the widow Salters to the Road leading from Wm Brothers Northerly to the County Road

23 To See if said Southbo will pay the Cost of taking the Inquisition on the body of Nathanael Bleak late of said Southbo Dec

24th For the Town to Discontinue and Sell to Capt. Aaron Gay his Heirs and Assigns as much of the Road leading from Deacon David Woods towards Marlborough and the Road leading from Southbo meeting House to said Marlborough where said Roads are adjoyning to and bounding on said Gays land as they shall think proper

25 To See if Southbo will discontinue and make Sale to Jona Newton his Heirs and Assigns the Road or way that lead from Stoney Brook South of said Newtons Northerly by his House & So extending till it enters into the Road that leads from Angle brook Bridge to Southbo meeting House said Newton paying a proper consideration therefor

Hereof fail not and make due return thereof unto the Select men att or before the time and place for said meeting Dated at Southbo aforesaid the 16th Day of Feby A.D. 1774

By order of the Select men Jona Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss Southbo March 7th 1774 In Obedience to the aforesaid Warrant I have Executed the same by Potting up a Notification according to the vote of said Southbo

Joseph Newton Constable of said Town

Worcester ss. Southborough March the 7th 1774 The Town of Said Southbo. being legally met the Warrant with the Return thereof Read the Meeting Opened, proceeded to act Viz.

On article I Chose } Isaac Johnson moderator of Said Meeting

On article 2d Chose } For Wardens { Jon. Newton not Sworn / Asahel Moore & Joshua Smith chose the 11th day

Select Men Chose { 1 Jim.o Brigham Esqr 2d Isaac Johnson 3d Manasseh Stow 4th Capt. Aaron Hay 5th Elijah Bellows 6 Solomon Newton } who refused to Serve and the Town afores.d by vote returned him Thanks for his past Services

Town Clerk Dott. James Parker

Constables { William Brigham / Jonas Ball } both declined & were excused by vote

Constables { Phineas Bruce / Edward Newton }

On article 3d Deerreeves Chose { 1 Jonas Ball / 2d Joshua Smith }

Town Treasurer { Deacon John Hay }

Assessors { Solomon Newton / Ephraim Ward / Asahel Moore }

Surveyors of Highways and Collectors of the money granted to repair Highways { Ezekiel Collins Jr. / Jon.a Ward / Amos Newton Jr. / Ebenr. Richards }

Scything men { William Onthank / Jonas Ball / Peter Brewer }

Sealer of Leather John Angier

Field Drivers { William Collins / Ezra Taylor Junr }

Fence Viewers { Nathanael Hay / Moses Bruce }

Hogreeves { John Stearns / Mark Collins Jr. }

Voted to and adjourned the aforesaid meeting untill to morrow being the Eighth day of this Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon on Said Day and then to meet at the meeting House in Said Southbo.

Attest Isaac Johnson Moderator

The foregoing is truly Recorded by Jon.a Ward, Town Clerk

Southbo. March the 8th Day 1774 Town aforesaid being met according to the aforesaid Adjournment the meeting of Sd. Town Opened proceeded to act Viz.

On Article 4th chose Grave Diggers { John Bellows / Joshua Smith who refused and then chose William Williams }

Poundkeeper Chose Joshua Smith

Joshua Smith is Chose to look & unlock & keep the Meeting House

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On Article 5 } granted to Repair Highways the year Ensuing in Lawful money } the Sum of Eighty Pounds } £80:0:0

On Article 6th } Chose School Committee } 1 Isaac Johnson 2d Manasah Kow 3. Nathan Bridge } to Hire a School Master

On 7 article } Voted and granted to pay a School Master & other Town Debt the year ensuing } the Sum of Seventy Pounds } £70:0:0

On the 8th Article } granted to Jotham Bellows for digging a grave for Beriah Newton } £0:6:0 v

2d Granted to Nathan Bridge for a Coffin for said Newton - - - - 0:6:0 v
3d Granted to Edm Temple for Serving Tax a year ago last year - 0:12:0 v
4th Granted to Joshua Smith for taking care of the Meeting House - 0:15:0 v
5 Granted to Wm Onthank for taking care of the Widow Bodingham from may 26: 1773 to march 9: 1774 and providing some Cloathing &c for her - - } 8:14:6 v
6 Granted to Jona Ward for money & articles advanced and for his Agency in the Case of Hopkinton & Above the County Road being presented & an Appeal &c } 8:12:3
7th Granted to Wm Collins for his Agency & money advanced in the Case of John Angier & the Town of Southbo } 1:16:8 v
8th Granted to Joshua Newton for taking care of Beriah Newton 2:17:9 v
9th Granted to Doct Elisha Parker for Doctoring Beriah Newton 1:07:11 v
10th Granted Capt Nathan Brigham for his Agency and money advanced in the Case against John Angier } 2:3:5 v
11th Granted to Josiah Fay for a sitting in Making & Coppying Rates and Money advanced for the Town } 1:11:0 v
12 Granted to Doct Samuel Curtis for doctoring Beriah Newton - 7:10 v
13 Granted to Joseph Newton for carrying one Mr Wright to Framingham - - } 0:1:6 v
14 Granted to Isaac Johnson for his Agency against Hopkinton 14:8:3/4 v

Total of the debt allow as above is £30:15:6 3/4

On the 9th article } Voted to let the Swine run at large the year Ensuing

on the 10th article } Voted to move the School into the several Parts of the Town
Viz. To begin in the Center
2d in the East End
3 at the South side
4 at the West end } of the Town of Southbo

On the 11th Article } the vote to Chuse a Committee to Squadron out the School part in the Negative

12 article passed over at present

On the 13th Article } Voted to abate the Rate set on the Pole of Joshua Newton in a List committed to Wm Onthank to Collect a.d. 1772 being 9/11 1/4 } £0:9:11:1

On the 11th Artide } 1st Voted to Repair the work House
2d Voted to chuse a Committee to Repair the Same
3 Chose 1st Capt. Nathan Brigham
2 Joshua Smith } for the Committee aforesd.

On the 15 Artide } Voted to abate the Rate lot on the head and Estate of James Lewis (late of Southbo) June the 3d 1773 being 3/2 1/4 as Committed to Solomon Newton to Collect

On the 16th Artide } 1st The vote to let the work House as a noon House passed in the Negative
2d Voted to let the work House to Thomas Stone during the Towns pleasure at the Rate of One pound four Shillings the year to commence this day.

Voted to and adjourned this meeting untill next Fryday at one of the clock in the afternoon of said Day and then to meet at the Meeting House in said Southbo

attest. Isaac Johnson Moderator

Entered and Recorded attest Jon[a] Ward Town Clerk

Southbo Fryday March the Eleventh Day 1774 The Town of Southbo aforesd being met according to the adjournment the Meeting aforesaid Spands proceeded to Act Viz.

On the 17 Artide } Several Votes being passed in the Negative on this article at last voted Not to act any further at this time on the Same

On the 12th Artide } Voted not to act on this Article

On the 17 Artide } Voted to reconsider the vote on this article which was not to act any further at this time on the Same and do now Vote and grant unto John Angier his Heirs and Assigns for ever all that part of the old Road, way or land called by some the Town of Southbo common lying on the Easterly side of Stoney Brook (So called) excepting and reserving two rods in width in the most convenient place for traveling from said Angiers to & over said Brook and also reserving liberty for persons to travel to their lands as necessary a cross the land now sold to said Angier between his House and said Brook where the old Road used to be trod that passed from said Angiers to the Road leading from Samuel Phillips to Jotham Ballous the said Angier paying said Town of Southbo three pounds six shillings and eight pence lawful money and said Town of Southbo doth also for said consideration give and grant to said Angier to shut up the two rod Road Reserved as aforesaid as a bridleway provided he will make and maintain a good gate at the end of the Same next to his House for ever which Money the said Angier paid to the Moderator of said Meeting and is discharged

And Samuel Phillips aforesaid for Himself his Heirs and Assigns doth by these Presents Hereby re-

Page 8 Remise - Release and give up to said Town for the use and Benefit of a Road and accomodation of Travelling through and a Cross the said cross Road aforesaid next to said Brook on the Westerly side of the same and at the Easterly end of the land he said Phillips Bought of said Southborough Viz: so much of the land that He purchased of said Southbo as shall well accomodate and answer for travelling and passing and repassing through the Fordway and also to on and off the Westerly end of the Causey as it is now built Viz. to pass & repass conveniently as direct and a Streight as may be most Suitable and best for travelling so as to Enter and use the whole of said Causey as now Built and that forever without Let or hindrance forever as Witness His Hand and Seal March the eleventh day 1774

Signed Sealed & Delivd in Presence of Jos Ward

Samuel Phillips (Seal)

On the Article 18 Voted that the Selectmen of said Southbo view the Road from John Angiers to Robert Hays and make Report to said Southbo the next Town Meeting

On the Article 19 Voted that the Selectmen of said Southbo (if requested by any person or persons to) do view any Road or Roads in said Southborough in order to such person who requests to buy any part or the whole of the same that adjoyns to him or them who having the same and that the said Selectmen make report thereof to the said Southbo at their next Town Meeting

On Article The 20 Voted that Manasseh Stow and Jonas Ball as agents for said Southbo against Noah Rutland Jr Strait concerning the Maintainance of Harriet Andrews make further Process in the affair so as to recover the Cost said Southbo has been at for her past support & Cost of Suit with them if it be recoverable

On the 21 Article Voted to and do accept of the return of the Road Dated May 27: 1773 as Laid out by the Selectmen of said Southbo from Nathanael Gibbs to Joshua Kendall Jr so extending Westerly thro the land belonging to the Heirs of Benjamin Morse late Dec'd which return is as follows Viz.

Southborough May 27: 1773. The Selectmen of said Southbo have at the desire of a Number of Persons Laid out a Road which is as follows Viz Begining at a heap of Stones on the Southerly side of the Road leading by the now dwelling House of Nathanael Gibbs which heap of Stones is the Northeasterly Corner of his land lying on the Southerly side of said Road and from thence the Road as Laid out now Southerly two rod in width on the Land of said Gibbs for some way and then enters on the Land Belonging to the Heirs of Benjamin Morse and then on the Land supposed to Belong to Ezra Taylor Esqr Extending a streight line from said said Stones which is on the eastern side of said Road as Laid out till it comes to a Black Oak Tree Marked on three Sides at the foot of Rising Ground a little Easterly

of the old Trod road then it runs Southerly to a Black Oak Tree marked on three Sides then about fourteen rods to a Stake and Stones where an old Stump was in the line of said Taylor Land being on the Easterly Side of said Road and then runs to a Black Tree being the Northwesterly Corner of the Land of Jabez Fairbanks then Running on the Southwesterly Side of said Fairbanks Land about Six rods to a Black Oak Tree, Then running as the Path is now trod about Ten rods to a Black Oak Tree Marked on the S.E.ly Side Then about said rods as laid out 8 or 9 rods Southwesterly to a white Oak Tree marked on the Southerly Side of said Road thence Southwesterly to a white Oak Tree marked on the Same Side of said Road then Southwesterly to and croping a brook called Pinehill Meadow Brook and extending a straight Line from the last mentioned Oak till it comes to a heap of Stones on a Ridge by and on the Northerly Side of an old Stone near the old trod path easterly of the House of David Brewer Junr. then runs to a Stump and Rock by a Wall by the Side of the old trod Road then running Southerly near as the Stone now runs to a Wild Cherry Tree being a Bounds of Land on the easterly Side of the Road as now laid out full two rods in Width then running Southerly leaving the Road on Easterly Side of an old Orchard belonging to David Brewer Junr or on Land reserved for his Maintainance two rods wide and so extending the Same Width till it comes to the House where Joshua Kendall lives and from thence Runs Westerly near as the path is now trod having the Stone on the Southerly Side of the Same for the Bounds of the said Road which is continued the Same Width till it gets to the Westerly Side of the Land belonging to the heirs of Benjamin Morse and meets the Road formerly laid out to said Land which Road as we apprehend is laid through lands that had a Reserve made in the Deed the Same for a Road and is now offered & Submitted to the Town for their acceptance

Entered and Recorded the aforegoing as laid out & accepted by Said South^{bo} attest Jon^{a} Ward Town Clerk } ff^{r}

Jacob Johnson, Jon^{a} Ward, William Collins, Josiah Gray } Selectmen of Said South^{bo}

Jonas Ball paid to the Moderator 6/ being the last years Rent due from Joseph Ball for the use of the Road that leads by his now Dwelling House - - - - } £ 0 : 6 : 8

On the 22 Article } Voted that the Selectmen View the Cross Road that leads from the widow Salters by Joseph Balls and make report at the next Town Meeting whether it is best to Sell a part or the whole of the Same

Voted that the above Road that lead by Joseph Balls be Shut up from the east end of the Same till it comes to or leads to or against the Peter Brewers late which is Westerly of Said Brewers House and opens into Said Cross Road

On the 23 Article } Voted, not to pay the cost of the Inquisition taken on the Body of Nathanael Beals late of South^{bo} Deceast

On the 24th Article } Voted that the Selectmen View the Roads that Capt Aaron Hayin Said article Respect to buy a part of and make Report thereof or concerning the Same the next Town meeting

On the 25 article } Voted that the Select men view the Road leading by Jonathan Newtons now Dwelling House to Stoney Brook and make Report about the Same the next Town Meeting

on the 2d article } By Vote released Phineas Brued from Serving Constable in his own person and Accepted of Moses Brued to Serve in his Room place and stead for the said Phineas this Turn

Warden } Voted and chose Joshua Smith as a Warden in the Room of Jona Newton

The Proceedings of the aforesaid Meeting thus far is entered & Recorded as aforesaid by Jona Ward Town Clerk

Doctr James Parker is now Sworn to the Clerks Office

By Vote released Amos Newton Junr from Serving as a Surveyor of high-ways and Collector of the money Granted to repair the same, and chose Nathaniel Tray in his Room.

Voted to accept Robert Tray in the Room place and Stead of Nathaniel Tray.

Committee to transfer the Books and Records } 1. Isaac Johnson 2. Manasseh Stow } Chosen a Committee to transfer the Town Books and Records from Jona Ward to James Parker.

Lastly, by Vote the aforesaid Town meeting is dissolved.

attest Isaac Johnson Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Southborough march 11th 1774. The Town officers of whom an oath is required, chosen at the aforesaid meeting were Sworn to the Discharg of their respective offices, by the Select men, as the Law directs.

Entered and recorded by James Parker Town Clerk.

Isaac Johnson
Manasseh Stow
Aaron Tray
Elijah Bellows
Solomon Newton
} Select men for Southborough

Southborough march 19th 1774.

Delivered into the hands of Deacn John Tray Treasurer for Southborough

	£	S	D
A Note from Mark Collins	0	12	6
Cash due from Jonas Ball to the Treasurer	2	18	9½
Cash due from the province Treasurer	2	5	0¾
Money due from Mark Collins Constable for the Year 1773	61	14	4
Money due from Joseph Newton Constable for the Year 1773	54	19	0
Cash Rec'd of John Angier 3. 6. 8. Cash Rec'd of Joseph Ball 6/	3	12	8
Cash Rec'd of the former Treasurer by the Select men	2	15	4¼
Total. £	128	17	8.2

Isaac Johnson
Manasseh Stow
Aaron Tray
Elijah Bellows
Solomon Newton
} Select men for Southborough

attest. James Parker Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. March 31st 1774. Pursuant to the Law of this province we the Subscriben have appointed David Newton of Southborough to be Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Ensuing Year and untill another be chosen in his place.

The above Named David Newton was Sworn to the faithful Discharge of his office by the Town Clerk of Sd Southborough March 31. 1774 attest James Baker Town Clerk

Aaron Fay
Manasseh Stow
Elijah Bellows
Solomon Newton
} Select men for Southborough

Moses Bruce } Constable for Southbord.

Mr Temple Discharged as Town Treasurer.

At a meeting of the Select men of Southborough on the eighteenth Day of March A.D. 1774 in order to Settle accounts with John Temple late Treasurer for Sd Town, and to receive all the money and papers in his Hands belonging to the Town. And having Examined into the affair, we find there is five pounds twelve Shillings and Eleven pence, and have Rec'd the same together with the papers, and one of the Towns Law-Books, and do hereby fully acquit and Discharge Sd Temple from any further Demands on that account. As witness our Hands.

Isaac Johnson
Manasseh Stow
Aaron Fay
Elijah Bellows
Solomon Newton
} Select men for Southborough

Rec'd and entered April 12. 1774

A True Copy. attest James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Messrs Edward Newton & Moses Bruce Constables for Southborough in Sd County — — — Greeting.

(L.S.) You are hereby required, in his Majesties Name forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of South-borough Qualified according to the Royal Charter to Vote in the Choice of a Representative to assemble and meet at the public meet-ing House on Monday the Sixteenth Day of may Curr.t at one o Clock in the after Noon, to act on the following Articles. Viz.

1. For the Town to Elect & depute one meet person legally quallified to Represent them in a great & general Court or assembly appointed to be held & kept for his Majesties Service, at the Court House in Boston, on Wednesday the Twenty fifth Day of may Curr.t at nine o Clock in the forenoon. &c.
2. To Chuse a Moderator for the Remaining Business of the aforesd Meeting.
3. To See whether the Town will Discontinue that part of the Town Road Leading from Nathaniel Gibbs to the westerly Side of the Land belonging to the Heirs of Benj.a Mose Deced.e So far as it extends thro the Land of Ezra Taylor Esq.r and make him or agree with the aforesd Ezra Taylor Esq.r and make him Satisfaction for the Damages done him by laying out Sd Road thro his Land — — —

4. To See if the Town will abate the whole or any part of the Rates of John Harvey as Set in a Lift of assessment Committed to Mark Elkins as Constable A.D. 1772.
5. For the Town to hear & accept a Lift of Jurors to be laid before them by the Select Men & Separate one Quarter part thereof for the Superior Court Bar.
6. To See if the Town will abate the Rate Set on the pole of Ezra Taylor Esq^r in a List of assessment Committed to Joseph Newton A.D. 1773. or any part of his Rate set on his personal Estate in the aforesd List of assessment.
7. For the Town to hear the Report of the Select men Concerning the Road leading out of the Road from the County Road to Wm Onthanks, as it passeth by the dwelling House of Joseph Ball to the End of sd Road, as it Stands upon the Records of the Propriety of Marlborough; and to See if the Town will Discontinue and make Sale of the Same to Joseph Ball, or pass any other Vote concerning the Same as they Shall see Cause. — As also to hear the Report of the Select men Concerning the Road leading from Stoney Brook by the House of Jon^a Newton to angle Bridge, and to See if the Town will Discontinue & make Sale of the Same to Jon^a Newton on such Conditions as the Town and aforesd Jon^a Newton Shall agree upon. — And also to hear the Report of the Select men Concerning the Road leading from John Angiers to Robert Hays, and to act thereon as they Shall See fit. — Also to hear the Report of the Select men Concerning the Roads which Capt. Aaron Fay Requested to buy left march, and to See if the Town will Discontinue and make Sale of any part or the whole of the Same to the aforesd Capt. Fay & Capt. Nathan Brigham upon Such Terms as the Town and they Shall agree upon.
8. For the Town to enquire whether Nathan Bridges has had full Recompence for building the wall between the burying place & Col^o Tim^o Brigham's Land, or whether he the sd Nathan Bridges is indebted to the Town for the Rent of the same, and for the Town to Let the Same to Some person as they Shall See fit.
9. To See if the Town will allow & pay the acc^t of Capt. Nathan Brigham and Joshua Smith for Repairing the work House and to See if the Town will Do any thing further toward Repairing the same.

Hereof fail not and Due Return make of this Warrant and your Doings thereon, unto the Select men, at or before the Day appointed for sd meeting.

Dated at Southborough the 9th Day of may 1774.

p^r order of the Select men James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Southborough May 16. 1774. In obedience to the above Warrant I have warned all the Qualified persons, in my District, to meet at Time and place in Therein Directed, Edw^d Newton, Moses Brue Constables for Southborough.

Southborough May 16. 1774. The Town being met, agreeable to the above Warrant, which being Read, together with the precept & the Return, the Town proceeded to Act as Follows, Viz:

On Article 1st } This Article passed in the negative.

On the 2 Article } Voted Choose Manasseh Stow Moderator for the Remaining Buisness of Said meeting.

In Article 3. } Voted to Chuse a Committe to Search into the Records of the Propriety, whether there is a Reserve for a Road thro' the Land of Ezra Taylor Esq^r and,

Committe and their power

And for sd Committe, Choose 1st Capt. Aaron Fay; 2d Isaac Johnson, 3d Manasseh Stow

2d Voted that if the above Committe upon makeing Search in the Record of the Propriety find there is no Reserve for a Road thrd the Land of Ezra Taylor Esqr; Do agree with the aforesaid Ezra Taylor Esqr; and make him Satisfaction for the Damages done him, by Laying out said Road thrd his Land; and make Report to the Town the next Town Meeting). ---

on the 4th Article } Voted to abate the Rates of John Harvey as set in a List of Assessment Committed to Mark Collins A.D. 1772. being £: 5: 6: 3. ---

The 5. Article passed in the negative. ---

on the 6th Article } Voted to abate the Rate set on the pole of Ezra Taylor Esqr; as set in a List of Assessment Committed to Joseph Newton A.D. 1776 being 8/2.

2d Voted not to abate any part of the Rate set on the Personal Estate of Ezra Taylor Esqr; as set in the aforesd List of Assessment Committed to Joseph Newton.

on the 7th Article. } 1st Voted to Discontinue 69 rods in Length of that Road Leading out of the Road from the County Road to Wm Smithurst as it passeth by the House of Joseph Ball. ---

Road Sold to Joseph Ball. } 2d Voted to Sell to Joseph Ball his Heirs & assigns forever all that part of the aforesd Road so far as Discontinued in the above Vote, he paying the Town £3: 6: 8. agreeable to the Report of the Select men presented at this Meeting, which Report is as follows. Viz. We the Subscribers having viewed that Town way Leading by Joseph Balls that was Laid out by the Select men of Marlboro in the Year 1724. and as it Stands Recorded there we Judge there is about 125 Rods of Land, it being 69 Rods in Length, and 44 Rods of the same 2 Rods wide and 25 Rods one Rod & a Half wide. and we do Judge sd way might be Sold & not be any Damage to the public or private Interest of any Body, and we Do apprize the same to be worth three pounds six Shillings & Eight pence Lawful money. Isaac Johnson, Aaron Fay, Manasseh Stow. Select men of Southborough. ---

D. Ball gave a Note to the Treasurer for the Same.

Report of the Select men about the Same

Road Sold to Jona Newton } 3d Voted to Discontinue and Sell to Jona Newton his Heirs & assigns forever all the Road from Stiney Brook by the House of Jona Newton to Angle Bridge, excepting and Reserving Liberty for the Heirs of Robert Horne to pass & Repass to & from their Meadows adjoining sd Brook, he the sd Jona Newton paying the Town £6: 6: 8. ---

Road opened from Angiers to Frays excepting. &c } 4th Voted to open the Road Leading from John Angiers ~~to Robert~~ to Robert Frays Ld its full Width from the Clay Land, to the Land of Robert Fay. except, John Angier, John Newton & Amos Newton shall appear to purchase the whole of the same excepting two Rods in Width. ---

5th Voted to pass over the Last Clause in this 7th article. ---

on the 8th Article } Upon Enquiry made, it appeared that Nathan Bridges had Rec. full Recompence for Building the Wall between the Burying place & Col. Jno Brighams Land, & that he was Indebted to the Town for the Rent of the same £2: 6: 6. Then Voted to Let the same to John Bellows for one Year at the Rate of 7/ pr Year. ---

on the 9th article. } Voted to pass it over. --- Then by Vote the meeting was Dissolved.

Attest. Manasseh Stow, Moderator.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk.

Nathan Bridges Receipt

Southborough June 14th 1774. Recd of Nathan Bridges Two pounds Six Shillings and Six pence it being the Whole for the Rents of the Burying place. I say Recd by me John Fay Treasurer for Southborough

A True Coppy attest James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Mess.rs Edward Neiston and Moses Bruce Constables for Southboro Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby Required in his Majesties Name forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough to assemble at the public Meeting House on Monday the 27th Day of June Curr.t at 2 o Clock in the afternoon to act on the Following Articles, Viz.

1 To Chuse a Moderator for sd Meeting.

2 For the Town to hear a Letter from the Committe of Correspondence at Boston: and also a Cov.t which they Request us to Sign, and for the Town to act thereon as they Shall think fit. Hereof fail not, and make Return of this Warrant to the Select men at or before the Day appointed for sd meeting. Southboro June 16. 1774.

per order of the Selectmen, James Parker Town Clerk

Southboro June 27. 1774 in obedience to this Warrant I have warned all the Inhabitants in my District to meet at Time and place as therein Directed. Edward Neiston, Moses Bruce Constables for Southboro.

Southborough June 27. 1774. The Town being met agreeable to appointment, the Warrent with the Return Read the Town proceeded to act as follow viz.

1 Chose Capt. Jon.a Ward Moderator.

on the 2d Article } Voted to Chuse a Committe to prepare a Draught to be laid before the Town for their acceptance, at the Next Town Meeting.

2 Voted to Chuse 5 for the above Committe. and for sd Committe Chose Isaac Johnson. Capt. Jon.a Ward Lieut. Wm Collens, Lieu.t Josiah Fay and Joshua Smith. Then Voted to adjourn the Meeting to Monday the 11 Day of July Next, at 2 o Clock in the afternoon to meet at the publick meeting House in Southboro. attest Jon.a Ward Moderator

Southborough July 11th 1774. The Town being met according to adjournment, the meeting opened, a motion was made & Seconded, whether the Town would accept & Sign the Draught of the Committe, the Vote being put it passed in the affirmative.

Voted that the above agreement be Lodged with m.r Isaac Johnson, Chairman of the Committee, till further orders by the Town.

Voted That m.r Isaac Johnson Carry about & offer the agreement to the Inhabitants of the Town in order to their Signing it.

Then voted to adjourn the Meeting to monday the 29th of Aug.t next, at 2 o Clock in the after noon, then to meet at the meeting House, in Southborough.

attest Jon.a Ward Moderator.

Delivered, by order of the Select men, into the Hands of Decr John Fay Treasurer for Southborough two Shillings five pence three farthings, it being the overplus of the Contribution money collected for the use of the Committee of Congress

attest James Parker Town Clerk

Boston July 1. 1774. Received of Jonathan Champney of the Town of Southborough the Sum of one pound eight Shillings & five pence, being said Towns proportion of 500 £ my for the Committee of Congress

for my Father, pr Thomas Cushing jun.

A true Copy. attest James Parker Town Clerk

Southborough augt 29th 1774 The Town being met according to adjournment, Voted to dissolve the meeting. attest Jon. Ward Moderator.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To messrs Edward Newton and Moses Brueil Constables for Southborough. — — —

nearly oppoſite to his Houſe; and also another piece of Sd Road, on the Eaſterly Side near to Wm Winchester. ——————————

7. To See if the Town will come into any Method to unite the Town, Relating to the non importation and non Consumption agreement, entering into in this province, and to act thereon as they shall See fit when met. ——

Hereof fail not. and make Return of this Warrent to the Select men, at or before the Day appointed for said meeting. Dated at Southborough Augt. 12. 1774. pr. order of the Select men, James Parker Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. Southborough Augt. 25th 1774. agreable to this Warrant, I have warned the qualified Voters in my District, to meet at time & place as therein directed.

Edw Newton, Moſes Bruce Constables for Southborough

Southborough Augt. 25th 1774. The Town being met, the Warrant with the Return read, the Town proceeded to act as follows. Viz.

on the 1st artiele } Chose Capt Jona Ward Moderator. ——————————

on Article 2nd } Voted the Sum of Sixty Six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence for the Revd mr Nathan Stones present years Sallery ending the 8th Day of June next, to be levied and aſseſs'd on the polls & Estates ratable in Southborough. ——————————

on the 3d artiele } Voted to Chuſe a Standing Committee of Correſpond to unite & correſpond with the other Committees of Correſpondence in this province. Voted to Chuſe five for Sd Committee. And for said Committee Chooſe Coll. Jona Brigham, Isaac Johnson, Lieu. Josiah Fay, Capt Jona Ward, John Angier. ——————————

Voted, that the Select men View the Town Stock of Ammunition, as Soon as may be with Conveniency, & See whether it be according to the Law of this probince. ——————————

Voted that the Select men provide the Town with a Stock of ammunition according to Law, provided upon viewing the Same they find not acordingly to Law. ——————————

Voted unanemously, that Edw. Newton Constable for Southborough Should not proceed to prepare a List of Jurors according to a late act of Parliament, & that they will defend him in Such neglect. ——

Voted, that every male from 16 years old and upward Should be furniſhed with fire Arms & ammunition according to Law. ——————

Voted to Chuſe Officers from a Capt. to a Corporal by written Votes, to Regulate the Company in the miletary art. ——————————

Voted, to meet at the meeting House on Friday next at one o Clock p. M. to Chuſe officers as above. ——————————

On the 4th Article. } Voted to diſcontinue and Sell to Capt. Aaron Fay his Heirs & aſsigns forever, part of the Cart path road leading from David Woods to Asahel moores and part of another Road leading from Asahel moores to the meeting House, agreeable to the Return of the Select men, he paying the Town £5: 6: 8

Land sold to Capt Aaron Fay. } The Return is as follows. Viz. We the Subscribers having Viewed that part of the Cart path road, leading from David Woods to Asahel moores, and the other Road leading out of that to Southbo meeting House, do Judge that part of Each may be spared without hing any Damage to public or private: and we have Staked & Set off to Capt Aaron Fay about two

Return of the Select men about the Same } acres of Land: Beginning at a Heap of Stones by David Woods Land, running North wardly 2 Rods Wide, 42 Rods in Length, to a Heap of Stones ing by his own Land: Then Running 28 Rods to a heap of Stones, leaving the Road four Rods Wide: Then turn West & Run Six paces to a Heap of Stones;

then

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Then running Southwardly 80 Rods to a Heap of Stones against his own Land.
Then by his own Land, 41 Rods in Length and one Rod wide, to the Land of the Heirs
of Decd. David Woods, leaving the Road two Rods wide. All the Land here
Described we do appraise at the five pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence Lawful
money.

Southboro aug.t 29th 1774

Manasseh Stow
Josh. Bellows
Solomon Newton
} Select men
of Southboro

Southboro Article

Then the following was Voted. viz. Whereas a Dispute
whether a peice of the Road Called the Ox pit Road, lies on Land
Sold to Capt Aaron Fay northerly of the House belonging to the heirs of
David Woods late of Southboro Decd. doth belong to said Heirs or not; and
not appearing Clear, the Selectmen are hereby discontinue all the Remain
peice of said Ox pit Road, excepting two Rods in Width, between that pa
Sold to said Fay & this part now discontinued to said Heirs, and as Convey
same to said heirs, from against the South end of said Fays Land, & Extend
north as far as the said Heirs Land extends, to be to said heirs, & their heirs &
assigns forever, as a full Recompence for all the Land (if any there
that is taken from said Heirs.

On the 5th Article.

Voted to discontinue and Sell to Capt. Nathan Brigham his Heirs &
assigns forever, peice of the Road from David Woods to Asahel Woo
Set forth in the Return of the Selectmen, he paying the Town
N. B. Capt. Brigham gave the Treasurer a note for the same

Land Sold to Capt. N. Brigham

Return of the Selectmen &c. the same

The Return is as follows viz. We the Subscribers having viewed Sel
of the Ox pit Road leading from David Woods to Asahel Woo
Judge that part of the same may be spared without Injury
to the Road. And we have Stated & Set off to Capt Nathan
about half an acre of Land; Lying at a Grey oak Tree,
eastwardly five Rods; then runs northwardly about 20 Rods
of Stones; then turns & runs 8 Rods to a heap of Stones, by the
he Built, and runs as the Wall now Stands, to the first mention
leaving that Road three Rods Wide.

Agreed that he pay the Town Thirteen Shillings & four pence for the

Isaac Johnson
Manasseh Stow
Solomon Newton
} Select
of
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Southborough aug.t 29th 1774

On the 6th Article.

Voted to discontinue & Sell to Decd. John Fay his Heirs &
assigns forever two peices of the Road leading from
Wm Winchester to the County Road, agreeable to the Return of
Select men, as a full Consideration for his time & money
in Selling the Line from Bleachs Corner, to Swamping ha

Land Sold to Decd Fay

Return of the Select men &c. of Same

the Return is as follows. Viz. We the Subscribers having viewed
leading from Wm Winchester to the County Road to Judge that part of the
be spared without Damage to public or private; and we have viewed &
off to Decd John Fay; and on the Westerly side of said Road, it being about 9 Rods Le
about Eleven feet wide, which is about 6 Square Rods of Land. Also and
peice of Land, on the Easterly side of said Road, near to Wm Winchester, Compo
being about 10 Rods in Length and about two peices Wide which is about
of Land.

Isaac Johnson
Manasseh Stow
Newton
} Select
of
Southb

Southborough aug.t 29th 1774.

At the 7th Article } Voted to chuse a Committee to make a Draught relating to the non-importation, and non-Consumption agreement, to be laid before the Town, at their next meeting. ——————————

Voted to Chuse 7 for said Committee. And for s^d Committee, Choose Manasseh Stow, Isaac Johnson, James Parker, Nathan Bridges Lieu^t Wm Collins, Solomon Newton, Asahel Moore. ——————

Voted to excuse Nathan Bridges, & Jonas Ball was Chosen in his plaed. Then voted to adjourn the meeting to Friday next at one o'clock p.m. that we meet at the meeting House in Southborough ~~Worcester~~

attest Jon^a Ward, Mod^r.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. Southborough Sept^r 2 1774 the Town being Met according to adjournment & the meeting opened, it was then voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday Next at 8 o'Clock A.M. to meet at this plaed.

attest Jon^a Ward Moderator.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk.

162 Sept^r 5. 1774. the Town of s^d Southb^o being met according to adjournment the meeting opened proceeded to act. Viz.

The } The Vote being put whether the Town will have two Military Companies Article } past in the negative. ——————————

Voted to have but one miletary Company in s^d Town. ——————

Voted, unanimously, that Josiah Fay be Capt. of the Miletary Company in Southboro ——————————

Voted to have two Liev^ts in said Company. ——————————

Choose Elijah Billows 1st Liev^t 6. Choose Seth Newton 2nd Liev^t

Choose Asahel Mathews Ens^n of s^d Company.

Choose Joshua Smith Clerk of said Company.

Choose Jon^a Champney 1st Serj^t 10. Choose Elijah Brigham 2nd Serj^t

11. Choose Joseph Witherbee 3d Serj^t 12. Choose Benj^a Parker 4th Serj^t 3rd Comp.

Voted to Chuse the Corporals by nomination and hand vote, notwithstanding the aforesd Vote to the Contrary.

Choose James Williams 1st Corporal. Moses Bruce 2nd Corporal. Ezekiel Ellis 3d Corporal. Eben^r Richards 4th Corporal.

Voted to Chuse a Committee to prepare a Draught containing Rules & orders to regulate both officers & Soldiers, in future miletary movements.

On the Article Voted That the Committee Consist of three men.

Land Capt. Fay. I. Choose Ezra Taylor. 2 Josiah Fay. 3. James Parker. for s^d Committee.

Voted. to approve of the people of this Town going to Worcester tomorrow, to enter their Dissent against the Setting of the Court of Common Pleas to be holden there. Voted that Manasseh Stow lead such as shall be disposed to go. & keep them under Due Regulation.

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Voted to accept & Sign the Draught of the Committee relating to the non-Consumption agreement.

Voted that the aforesd agreement be Recorded in the Town Book, with the Names of the Signers. The agreement is as follows. viz. &c

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of Southboro having taken into our serious Consideration the precarious State of the Liberties of north americk, and more especially the distressed Condition of this province Imbarrassed as it is by many acts of the brittish parliament tending to the intire subversion of our natural & Charter Rights; among which is the act for Blocking up the Harbour of Boston: & being Sensible of our indispensable Duty to God & our Country, to hold on every meanes in our power to preserve and Recover the much Injured Constitution of our Country, Do Covenant & Engage with each other.

1st. That from henceforth we will Suspend all Commercial Intercourse with the Island of Great Brittain, untill the s.d act for Blocking up the Harbour be repealed and full restoration of our Charter Rights be obtained to our acceptance.

2 That there may be the less Temptation to others to continue in the s.d now dangerous Commerce we do in like manner Covenant that we will not buy purchase or Consume or cause or suffer any person by for or under us to purchase or Consume in any manner whatever any Goods ware or Merchandize which shall arive in america from Great Brittain after the first Day of Oct.r next, excepting and reserving full Liberty to trade in all Sorts of warlike Stores. Cloathing excluded. . .

3. We agree to break off all trade whatsoever with all persons, who preferring their own private Interest to the Salvation of their now perishing Country shall continue to import Good from Great Brittain, or purchase of those who do import. - - -

4. And Since a Cessation of Trade with Great Brittain, must for a While put a Stop to the free Circulation of Cash, whereby the payment of Just Debts will become more Difficult, we promise that we will not Commence needless Lawsuits against honest and Indeustrious who are endeavoring to pay their just Debts; and on the other Hand we will not take the advantage of the Scarcity of Cash to neglect paying our Just Dues, hereby maintaining Love & Harmony among our Selves.

5.ftly. we Agree that after this or a Simular Covenant has been offered to any person and they refuse to Sign it, we will consider them as Grose Neglecters of their Duty in the important Article of our Liberties. All which we agree to continue firm in untill our brittish Liberties are restored, or this agreement or any part here of be legally Vacated by a Vote of the major part of the Signers.

Witness our Hands, Sept.r 5. 1774

Manaseh Stow
Isaac Johnson
Asahel moore
Wm Collins
Solomon Newton
Jonas Ball
James Parker
Absolom Ward
James Bellows Sen.r
Eph.m Ward
John Jay
John Bent
Aaron Jay
Robert Jay
Moses Bellows
Ed. Chamberlain
Ezekiel Newton

Jon.a Ward
Sam.l Phillips
David Newton
Peter Brewer
Nathan Brigham Jun.r
John Amsden
Joseph Graves
Josiah Jay
Elijah Bellows
Sam.l Hudson Sen.r
Lemuel Newton
Aaron Amsden
John Breton
John Newton
Sam.l Newton
Jese Amsden
Joseph Newton

John Angier
James Bridges
Bazeleel Walker
Ed. Newton
Asahel Mathews
Seth Newton
Mark Collins Sen.r
Simon Tozer
Amos Newton 2.d
Nathan Bridges
Phinehas Bowe
James Bellows Jun.r
Wm Winchester
Alexander Newton
Eli.r Collins
Daniel Johnson
Benj.a Parker
John Stearns

Abner Parker
Elisha Hedge of marlb.o
Amos Newton
Joel Newton
Jotham Bellows
Wm Onthank
Solomon Ward
Hez.h Jay
Ezekiel Collins
Charles Newton
Aaron Jay Jun.r
Ezra Newton
Edmond Chamberlin
Jabez Newton
John Morse

Joseph Witherbee
Jos. Richards
Ezra Taylor Jun.
Timo. Angier
Jona. Champney
Elijah Brigham
Joshua Smith
Moses Newton
James Williams
Josiah Bridges
Cyrus Newton
Elisha Jay

John Leonard
Jonas Campden
Elijah Newton
Benja. Smith
Peter Brewer Jun.
Jedediah Parker
John Johnson
John Richards
Nath. Graves
Gideon Newton Jun.
Epht. Campden
John Bellows
Reuben Newton

Nathan Jay
Dom. Newton
Solomon Leonard
Isaac Holden
Nathan Taplin
Mark Collins Jun.
Sam. Hudson Jun.
David Newton Jun.
Thos. Stone
Silas Newton
Ste Jay
Phinehas Bemis

Elisha Johnson
James Brittan
Jonah Johnson
Jacob Gibbs
Reuben Jay
Saml. Horne
Nathaniel Jay
Wm. Williams
Paul Newton
Zacheus Witherbee
Oliver Newton
Simeon Harry

Voted to vacate and disannul the former agreement accepted and Signed July 4th 1774. together with the protest against the same.
Then by Vote the meeting was adjourned to monday next at 3 Clock P. M. to meet at this place.
attest Jona. Ward, Moderator

Recorded by James Parker. Town Clerk.

Southboro. Sept. 12. 1774. The Town being again met according to adjournment and the meeting opened, the Town proceeded to act, viz.
Voted to accept & Sign the Articles of agreement containing Rules & Orders to regulate Officers & Soldiers. in future miletary movements.
Then by Vote the meeting was adjourned to monday the 3d Day of Oct. next at 2 Clock p. m. Then to meet at this place.
attest Jona. Ward, Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk.

Jona. Newtons Rect. from the Treasurer Aug. 30. 1774

Aug. 30. 1774. Rect. of Jona. Newton five pounds six Shillings and Eight pence in full for a high Way sold to him by the Town of Southborough last may, together with the Interest, being one Shilling one penny, one farthing
p. me John Jay Treasurer for Southboro
A true Coppy. attest James Parker Town Clerk.

Southboro Oct. 3. 1774. The Town being met according to adjournment, & the meeting opened, the Town proceeded to act, viz.

On the 3. Article

Voted to chuse one person to join with the provincial Congress to be convened & held at Concord on the 2d Tuesday of Oct. Curt.
And for s person or Delegate Chose, Capt. Jona. Ward, to attend at Said Congress.
Then a motion was made & Seconded, whether the Town will purchase, a piece which being put to vote, passed in the negative
Voted, to approve of & Justifie the proceedings of ~~Several~~ the Committee of Several Towns, as transmitted to this Town by the Town Clerk of Boston, Dated Sept. 27. 1774. Then voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday the 17th Day of Aug. Curt. at 2 Clock. p. m. to meet at this place.
attest Jona. Ward, Moderator.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk.

Southboro Oct. 17. 1774. The Town being met according to adjournment, & the m[eeting] opened the Town proceed to act. viz

Voted to dissolve the aforesd meeting

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk. attest Jon.a Ward Moderator

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Worcester ss. To Mess.rs Edw.d Newton & Moses Bruce Constables for South-borough - - -

on the 3.d art. } Voted not to act on this Article. ——————

on art. 4th } Voted that Joseph Newton procure 4 Cord of Wood for the Widow Deliverance Salter, to be brought to her Door at 4/ p.r Cord and Robert Fay to inspect the Same. ——————

the 6.th article } This article passed in the negative. ——————

on art. 7.th } Voted not to act.

on art. 8.th } Voted not to abate the Rate on the pole of Daniel Morse, Set to Wm Onthank as Guardian, in a List of assessment Committed to Joseph Newton. A.D. 1773. Then by vote the meeting was adjourned to monday the 14.th Day of nov.r next, at 1.o Clock p. m. to meet at this place. attest Josiah Fay Moderator.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk. ——————

Southborough Nov.r 14. 1774. The Town being met according to adjournm.t and the Meeting opened, proceeded to act, viz. after Reading the Transactions of the Continental Congress, Voted to adjourn the Meeting to Monday the 28 Day of Nov.r Curr.t at 1.o Clock P. M. to meet at this place. Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk. —— attest Josiah Fay Moderator

Southborough Nov.r 28. 1774. The Town being met according to adjournment proceeded to act viz. Voted to Dissolve the Meeting. Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk. —— attest Josiah Fay Moderator.

Worcester ss. To mess.rs Edw.d Newton & moses Brues Constables for Southborough. ——————— Greeting).

(1) You are hereby Required in his Majesties Name forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough qualified according to the Royal Charter to vote in the Choice of a Representative, to assemble at the publick meeting House in said Town on Monday the 12.th Day of December Curr.t at 1.o Clock P. M. to act on the following articles. Viz.

1. To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting.
2. To See if the Town will Chuse a Collector or Collectors to Collect the Rates assessed to the poles & Estates Rateable in Southboro. for the present Year.
3. To See if the Town will approve or Disapprove of the Transactions of the Continental Congress, and also to Chuse a Committee of inspection according to the 11.th art. of their association, for the purposes therein expressed.
4. To See if the Town will approve or Disapprove of the proceedings of the provincial Congress, and act on any matter that have been, or may be recommended by them, as they Shall think fit.
5. For the Town to pass any Vote or Votes for Recovering, Securing & maintaining our Rights and privileges.
6. To See if the Town will determine where the assessors of this Town Shall make their Return, and indemnifie them in making Such Return as they Shall order. Hereof fail not, and make Return of this

This Warrant at or before the Day appointed for said meeting. - - - - -
Dated at Southborough December the 5th 1774. - - - - - - - - -
By order of the Select men James Parker Town Clerk - - -
Southboro' December 12th 1774. I have warned the qualified Voters in my Destrict to attend, at Time and place as directed in the foregoing Warrant.
Edw.d Newton } Constables
Moses Bruce } for Southboro'

Southborough Decemb.r 12. 1774. the Town being met according to the above warrant, which being read with the Return thereof, proceeded to act. viz.

on the 1st article. } Choose Capt. Josiah Fay Moderator for D.d meeting. - - - -

Voted. not to act on the 2.d article.

on the 3.d article } Voted to approve of the Transactions of the Continental Congress.
Voted to Chuse a Committee of inspection as recommended in the 11th art. of their association - - Voted to Chuse 5. for D.d Committee
Choose James Parker. - - - voted to excuse James Parker. Then
Choose Cap.t Josiah Fay. Cap.t Elijah Bellows, Ens.n } Committee of
Nathan Bridges, Lieut. Wm Collins m.r Isaac } Inspection
Johnson -

on the 4.th art. - - } Voted that the Constables of this Town pay in such money as belongs to the province, that they have or may have in their Hand, to Henry Gardner Esq.r of Stow, Receiver General, or his Successor, as Soon as may be; and also to Defend them in So doing if need be. - - - - - Dismissed this art. for the present.

on the 6th art. } Voted that the assessors issue their Warrants to the Constables of this Town, directing them to pay to Henry Gardner Esq.r of Stow Receiver General of this province, or his Successor, £35:7:0 it being the whole proportion of this Town according to the Grant of the General Court at their Session last may, and to indemnifie them in So Doing -

Then voted to adjourn the meeting to monday the 2.d Day of Jan.y next at 1 o Clock P. M. to meet at this place.

attest Josiah Fay Moderator.
Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Southboro' Jan.y 2. 1775. the Town being met according to adjournment & the meeting opened, proceeded to act. viz.
Voted to Contribute to the Relief of the poor of Boston.
Voted to Chuse two men to receive the Donations for Boston.
Choose Capt. Josiah Fay, and John Angier for the purpose aforesaid.
Voted that the afore said Committee take all proper Care to preserve and

Transmit

Transmit the Donations of this Town, to the Committee in Boston, appointed to receive the same for the use of the poor of said Town.

Then Voted to adjourn the meeting to monday the 16th Day of Jan.y Curt.t at 1 o Clock P. M. to meet at this place.

attest. Josiah Fay Moderator.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk.

Southborough Jan. 16. 1775. The Town being met according to adjournment, and the meeting opened, proceeded to act. viz.

Voted to Chuse a Delegate to Join with the proposed provencial Congress, to be convened at Cambridge on the first of Feb.y next.

Choose Capt. Josiah Fay for said Delegate.

Then Voted to Dissolve the Meeting.

attest. Josiah Fay Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Select men of Southborough.

Delivered into the Hands of Dea.n John Fay Treasurer for Southborough Two pounds Two Shillings, it being the money gotten for the Cloathing of Beriah Newton.

Isaac Johnson
Manasseh Stow
Aaron Fay
} Select men For Southboro.

Jan. 16. 1775

Copy. attest James Parker Town Clerk.

Settlement with Treasurer May 1. 1775.

At a meeting of the Select men of Southborough March 3. 1775. Having examined the acc.ts of Dea.n John Fay Treasurer for Southborough, we find he has been Chargable with one hundred forty eight pounds Six ____ Shillings five pence three farthings and that he has produced proper Vouchers shewing that he has paid one hundred thirty two pounds Seventeen Shillings & two pence; and there now remains in Mr Fays Hand, fiveteen pounds nine Shillings, three pence & three Farthings, for which Mr Fay is accountable to the Town, exclusive of what is assessed for the year 1774.

Isaac Johnson
Manasseh Stow
Aaron Fay
Solomon Newton
} Select Men For Southboro.

Recorded By James Parker Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To Messrs Edward Newton and Moses Bruce Constables for Southborough, or either of them, greeting

(L.) You are hereby Required in his Majesties Name forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro' Qualified to Vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the public Meeting House on Monday the 6th day of march next at 12 o Clock at noon to act on the following Articles. viz

I. To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting.

2. To Chuse Town Officers for the Year ensuing as the Law Directs.
3. To Chuse one or more persons to inspect the Killing of Deer Contrary to Law.
4. To Chuse Grave Diggers, a pound Keeper, and some person to Sweep the Meeting House, and to Lock and unlock the Doors of the Same for the Year ensueing.
5. For the Town to agree upon and grant a Sum of money for Repairing Highways in Said Town for the Year Ensueing.
6. To agree upon & grant a Sum of Money to pay a Schoolmaster, and other Town Debts.
7. To Chuse a Committee to hire a Schoolmaster the Year Ensuing.
8. For the Town to Consider and allow any Town Debt to those to whom the Town is justly Indebted.
9. For the Town to Chuse a Committee to Squadran out the School if they See Cause.
10. For the Town to Determine whether their Swine Shall run at large the Year Ensueing.
11. To See if the Town will Grant Liberty to Each Squadran to Draw their Propotion of the money Granted to maintain the School, and to hire a SchoolMaster at Such Times in the Year as Shall best suit Each Squadran, every Squadran notwithstanding to have Liberty to Send to any part of the Town at any Time; and for the Town to act thereon as they Shall think fit when met.
12. To See if the Town will abate the Rates of John Richards as set in a Lift of assessment Committed to Mark Collins A.D. 1773.
13. To See if the Town will pay their Minute Men, and Determine what their Wages Shall be, and how often they Shall train.
14. To See if the Town will make Saml. Phillips any Consideration Relative to the Rent of the Road leading out of the Road from Jotham Bellows to his House, thro' the Gate towards John Angiers.
15. For the Town to pass any Vote or Votes for Recovering Securing and maintaining our Rights and Privileges.

Hereof fail not, and make Return of this Warrant to the Select men at or before the Day appointed for Said meeting. Dated at Southborough the 18th Day of Feb.y A.D. 1775.

By Order of the Select men,

James Parker Town Clerk.

Southborough March 6. 1775. I have Executed this Warrant by posting up a Notification agreeable to a Vote of the Town

Edw. Nuston Constable for Southboro

Southboro March 6. 1775. The Town being met according to the afore-going Warrant and the meeting opened the Town proceeded to act viz.

1- Choose Isaiac Johnson Moderator for said Meeting

on the 2d. article Choose { Capt. Elijah Bellows, Jona. Champney, David Newton was Chosen the 13. Day } Wardens. who declined. } Hog Reeves { Elisha Johnson, Abner Parker, Manasseh Stow, James Bridges

Select men. Isaac Johnson, Lieut. Wm. Collins, Manasseh Stow, excused by his desire, Capt. Josiah Fay, David Newton, Capt. Aaron Fay.

on the 3d. art. Choose { Asahel Mathews, Ezra Taylor } Deer-Reeves

on the 4th. article Choose { John Bellows, Jotham Bellows } Grave Diggers

Town Clerk. James Parker

Constables { Daniel Johnson, David Woods. Benj.a Parker was accepted to serve in his room the 7th Day. } For a Pound Keeper and to Lock and unlock the Doors of the meeting House & Sweep the Same, Choose Abner Parker

Assessors { Asahel moore, Solomon Newton, Jonas Ball } Town Treasurer { Dea. John Fay }

on the 5th. article { Granted £ 60: 0: 0. to Repair Highways, to be Assessed to Polls & Estates ratable in Southborough

on the 6th article { Granted £ 70. to pay a School Master & other Town Debts, to be Assessed to the Polls & Estates ratable in Southboro

Then Voted to adjourn the Meeting to tomorrow at 2 o Clock to meet at this place.

attest Isaac Johnson Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Tything Men { Jona. Champney, Nath. Bridges, Aaron Fay. }

Field Drivers { Ezra Taylor, Edm. Chamberlain }

Surveyors of high Ways and Collector of the money Granted for the Same { Lemuel Newton, Jotham Bellows, Jabez Newton, Zacheus Witherbee }

The above officers were Sworn to the faithful Discharge of their Respective offices before the Select men of said Town.

Sealer of Leather, John Angier

attest- J. Parker Town Clerk.

Fence Viewers { Capt. Elijah Bellows, Jonas Ball. }

March 7. 1775. The Town being again met according to adjournment proceeded to act on the business of the Warrant viz.

on the 7 article } Choose Selth Newton, Capt. Aaron Fay, & Elijah Brigham Committee to Hire a Schoolmaster

on the 8 article	Granted to Capt. Aaron Fay for Cloathing for Sam[l] Bellows	£	2.	3. 5. 3
	Granted to Ditto for Cloathing for the Wid. Bodintham		0.	11. 7. 1
	Granted to Wm Onthank for Board. the Wid. Bodintm		0.	8. 0. 0
	Granted to Elijh Bellows for Wood for Saml Bellows		0.	2. 0. 0
	Granted to Eph[m] Ward for making Plates		0.	12. 0. 0
	Granted to Wm Winchester for Board. Wid. Bodintham		9.	14. 10. 2
	Granted to Wm Winchester for Mak[g] & Copy[g] Rates		0.	16. 6. 0
	Granted to Ithiel Moore for Mak[g] & Copy[g] Rates		0.	12. 0. 0
	Granted to Dea[n] Fay for Serving Treasurer		1.	0. 0. 0
	Granted to Solom[n] Newton for mak[g] & Copy[g] Rates		0.	18. 9. 0
	Granted to Capt. Brigham for Sundries in the paining the Work-house		2.	10. 6. 1
	Granted to Joshua Smith for Ditto		0.	15. 0. 0
	Granted to Joshua Smith for Care of the meeting House		0.	3. 4. 0
	Granted to Ditto for an Apron for the Wid. Bodintham		4.	13. 0. 0
	Granted to Jon[a] Ward for Expences at the prov[l] Congress		0.	9. 0. 0
	Granted to Ditto for Money pd Dr Willson			
the 13th Day	Granted to Tabitha & Hannah Locke for taking Care of Saml Bellows		0.	9. 4. 0
	Totat.	£	26.	0. 4. 3

9. article passed in the Negative.

on the 10 art. } Voted that the Swine shall run at large this year

Art. 11th passed in the Negative.

on art 12th } Voted to Abate the Rates of John Richard, in Mark Collins's List of assessment, being Eleven Shillings five pence, three Farthings

On the 13. art. } Voted to pay a Certain Number of Minute men on Condition they Shall Sign Such articles as the Town shall accept.

Voted to Chuse a Comm[tee] to prepare articles for them to Sign

Voted that Said Committee should consist of five ... accordingly Choose James Parker, Nathan Bridge, Sol[n] Newton, Joseph. Fay. and Elijah Brigham.

Then voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday the 13th of March next at 1. Clock to meet at this place, Attest Isaac Johnson Moderator

Recorded By James Parker Town Clerk

Southboro. March 13. 1775. The Town being met according to adjournment, and the meeting opened. proceeded to act. viz.

Choose David Newton Warden in the room of Jon[a] Champney

on art. 13. The articles for the minute men to Sign were Read, but not agreed to. — A Number of Votes were put, but none passed —

on the 14 art. Voted to abate to Sam[l] Phillips the whole of the Rent of the Road leading out of the Road from Jotham Bellows's to his House thro: the Gate toward John Angiers — — —

Voted to Reconsider the above Vote, and to have the matter lay as it did before.

Then voted the School Should begin 1[st] at the South Side. 2 at the West End. 3. at the East End. 4. at the Centre — — —

Then the meeting was adjourned to monday next, 2 at 1 o Clock, to meet at this place.

attest Isaac Johnson Moderator.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Southboro, march 20. 1775. the Town being again met according to adjournment, and the meeting opened, proceeded to act, viz

Upon Complaint made by Jonas Ball against Job Biglow, wherein D Ball accused D Biglow of an Insult offered either to D Ball or James Parker, in the Kings High-Way, by Calling him Tory & firing a Gun. Whereupon Voted, unanimously, to bear public Testimony against and Discountenance all such insults whatever.

Then the Town Choose Lieut. Wm Collins to go to Capt. Josiah Fay and Desire him to let D Biglow Come before the Town & make answ[r] to said Complaint, but D Biglow refused, saying Damn him I will but in a Bullet next time.

The Town then Choose Co[l] Jon[a] Ward. Capt. Nathan Brigham & Capt. Aaron Fay as a Committee to Capt Fay to Desire him to Deliver up D Biglow to answ[r] before the Town: & D Committee Reported that the Capt. Refused to Deliver him, till the matter was proved. — —

Then the Town Voted that the Year for the Rent of the Work House, let to Tho[s] Stone 1774. Should Commence the last Day of April

Then Voted to Let the Same to D Stone for one year more at the Rate of 18/ p[r] Year — — — — — — — — — — — —

on the 13. art. Voted to accept the articles the minute men had Drawn, provided they Sign them, and the Capt. Shall Render a true muster Roll to Town to their Satisfaction. See page 31. 32. — — — — — — —

Job Biglow appeared at last before the Town, and after hearing what he had to Say it was put to Vote whether it were Satisfactory, and it passed in the negative.

At the Same meeting David Newton was legally chosen Sealer of Weights & measures, & Sworn before the Town Clerk — — — — — —

The meeting was then adjourned to monday the fifth Day of may next at 1 Clock P. M. to meet at this place

attest Isaac Johnson Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Gardner. Receipt to Newton

April 11th 1775 Rec.d of Joseph Newton the Sum of twenty Pound. being part of the provinc.e Tax set on the Town of Southbor.o by the General Court in the Year 1775. For Which Sum I have Given the Said Newton anoth.a Receipt of the Same Tenor and Date with this

£ 20:0:0

By Order of the provincial Congress
Henry Gardner Rec.r

A true Coppy, attest James Parker Town Clerk

March Meeting 1775 Continued

Southbor.o May 1. 1775. The Town being met according to adjournment and the meeting opened, proceeded to act. viz.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to monday the 22.d Day of may Curt. at 1. o Clock P. M. to meet at this place.

attest Isaac Johnson Moder.r

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

May 22. 1775. The Town being met according to adjournment & the meeting opened proceeded to act. viz.

Voted to take no notice of the writ issued by Gov.r Gage for calling an assembly or House of Representatives

Voted to Send a Delegate to the provincial Congress, to be convened at Watertown on Wednesday y.e 31.st Day of may Curt.

Accordingly Choose Lieu.t Wm Collins for.d Delegate

Then voted to Dissolve the meeting

attest Isaac Johnson Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Balls. Note to the Treasurer. 1775.

June y.e 21. 1775.

I for Value Rec.d promise to pay John Fay Treasurer for Southborough one pound four Shillings on Demand with Interest till paid. Witness my Hand

Jonas Ball

A true Coppy, attest James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Mess.rs Daniel Johnson & Benj.a Parker Constables for Southborough — — — — — Greeting.

(S.L.) You are hereby Required in his Majesties Name to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro in Your respective Districts quallified according to the Royal Charter to Vote in the Choice of a Representative to assemble at the meeting House in s.d Town on Monday the 10.th Day of July Next at 1. o Clock P. M. to act on the following artiele, viz.

1. To Chuse one or more person or persons legally quallified to represent them in a Great and General Court or assembly to be convened and held, for the Service of this Colony, at the meeting House in Water — Town on Wednesday the 19.th Day of July next, and so During their Session & Sessions until the Day preceeding the last Wednesday of may next, if Necessary. Hereof fail, not, and make Return of This Warrant to the Select men at or before the Day appointed for s.d meeting. Dated at Southboro June 27. 1775.

By order of the Select men, James Parker Town Clerk

Southboro. July 10. 1775. I have warned the quallified Voters in my District to meet at time and place as Directed in the aforegoing Warrant — Daniel Johnson Benj.a Parker Constables for Southboro —

Southboro. July 10. 1775. The Town being met according to the Warrant, and the meeting opened proceeded to act, viz.

1. Voted to Chuse a Representative. accordingly made Choice of Col.o Tim.o Brigham.

attest, Isaac Johnson in behalf of the Select men.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To mess.rs Daniel Johnson & Benj.a Parker Constables for Southboro — — — — — Greeting —

(L.) You are hereby Required in his majesties name forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro, in Your respective Districts quallified to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting House in s.d Town on monday the 11.th Day of Sept.r Curr.t at 3. o Clock. P. M. to act on the following articles viz.

1. To Chuse a Moderator for s.d Meeting.
2. To agree upon and Grant a Sum of money to pay the Revd. m.r Stone his present years Sallery Ending the 8.th Day of June next.

Hereof fail not. and make Return of this Warrant to the

Select

Select men at or before the Day appointed for said meeting —
Dated at Southboro, Sept^r 4. 1775 — — — — — — — —

By order of the Select men,
James Parker Town Clerk

Southboro — Sept^r 11^th 1775. We have warned the Qualified Voters in our Respective Districts to meet at Time and place as Directed in the aforegoing Warrant — — Daniel Johnson, Ben^a Parker, Constables for Southboro —

Sept^r 11. 1775. The Town of Southboro being met agreeable to the above warrant, acted as follows, viz.

art. 1. Asahel moore was Chosen Moderator.

art. 2. Granted the Rev^d m^r Stone for his present Years Sallery ending the 8^th of June next, £66: 13: 4. to be assessed to the polls and Estates Rateable in s^d Town. — — — — — — — — — —

£66:13:4 granted to m^r Stone 1775.

The meeting was then Dissolved.

attest, Asahel Moore Moderator —

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk — — — — — — — — —

Minute-Men. Articles. See page 28.

The following has Relation to a Note page 28. on the B. art.

Whereas in provincial Congress it was recommended, that at the least full one quarter part of the militia of the province should be enlisted and Equiped with war-like Accoutrements, and proper Officers to Stand as minute men to march at the shortest Notice in Defence of s^d province if necessary in Case of an Invasion by the Enemies of the same. In Consequence of which, We the Subscribers Consisting of 1 Capt. 2 Lieu^ts 4 Serj^ts & 36 Rank & file, being his Brittanic Majesties Liege Subjects according to the Constitution of the British Nation, having Entitled & accoutred our Selves according to the Resolves of s^d Congress, & spent much Time to learn military Skill, & money to equip ourselves as afores^d, & held ourselves in Readiness ever since our Engaging in s^d affair, to risk our Lives in support of our Rights & Liberties, both civil & Sacred:

And it being Recommend by another Resolve of s^d Congress, that Each Town pay their minute men what is reasonable for their Service till they receive pay from the province, which Resolve the Town have not as yet complied with the Requested. And notwithstanding said Neglect to pay us we have not Disbanded ourselves from s^d Service, but do hereby Engage to hold our Selves in constant Readiness, and if necessary & called upon to march in the Defence of our Country its Rights & privileges; provided s^d Southboro will pay to each of us 4/ a man for our past Service & Expence in equiping our Selves and training, and 1/ a man for Each 4 Hours we shall Exercise

Exercise. and to exercise one pr Week till the first Day of may next or till the first Day of June if it be the Towns pleasure; and to be paid by the first of July next, or whenever we are called for.

And provided Southboro neglect & refuse to pay us as aforesd, we think we ought not to bear the whole of the burthen without some Satisfaction and Shall accordingly disband our Selves, and not Stand, as minute men any longer, but take our Fate with the Rest of our Brethren.

March 20. 1775:

Jos.h Fay Capt
Seth Newton Lieut.
Asahel Matthews
Moses Bruce
John Richards
Zecheus Witherbee
Isaac Ball
James Williams
Lemuel Chamberlin
Elisha Fay
Andrews Phillips
Jonah Johnson
Eneas Ward
Jedidthun Newton
Josiah Bridges
Charles angier
Peter Brewer Jun.r
Silas Ball
Aaron Fay Jun.r
Jedidiah Parker
Tyrus Newton
Wm Williams
Eph.m Angier
Edmond Newton
Edmund moore
Wm Winchester
Jon.a Champney
John Fay Jun.r
Nathan Champney
Sam.el Hudson Jun.r
Human Fay.
James Anthanky
Gideon Newton Jun.r
Isaac Newton Jun.r Drummer
Jos Biglow
Sam.el Horne
Joseph Anthanky
Elijah Johnson
Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jun.r
Jon.a Ball
Henry Newton
Joseph Fay
Joel Brewer

A true Copy Errors excepted. Attest, James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Messrs Daniel Johnson & Benj.a Parker Constable, for Southboro. or Either of them ——— Greeting.

You are hereby required in his Majesties Name, forthwith to warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro Qualified to Vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the public Meeting House in s.d Town on Monday the fourth Day of march next at 12 a Clock at Noon to act on the following art. viz.

1. To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting.
2. To Chuse Town Officers for the Year ensuing as the Law Directs.
3. To Chuse some persons to inspect the killing of Deer Contrary to Law.
4. To See whether the Town will let their Swine run at Large this Year.
5. To Chuse Grave Diggers, a pound Keeper, & some person to Lock and unlock the Meeting House, and Sweep the same.
6. To agree upon and grant a Sum of money to repair High Ways in s.d Town.
7. To agree upon & grant a Sum of money to maintain a School, and pay other Town Debts.
8. To See if the Town will grant Liberty to each Squadron to Draw their Proportion of the School money, and hire a Schoolmaster at such Times in the Year, as Shall best Suit.

9. For the Town to Chuse a Committe to hire a Schoolmaster if they see Cause.
10. To Consider and allow any Town Debts that may be brought by any to whom the Town is indebted.
11. To See if the Town will abate the Rates of Job. Biglow as set in a List of Assessment committed to mark Collins A.D. 1773.
12. To See if the Town will dismiss their Committee of Correspond and Inspection & Chuse Nine ones in their Room.
13. To See if the Town will provide any Wood for the Wid.ᵉ Salter, and how much.
14. For the Town to bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer & Register.
15. To See if the Town will do any thing to prevent unnecessary travelling on the Sabbath, by the Inhabitants of S.ᵈ Town.
16. To See if the Town will Grant to Capt Aaron Fay & Isaac Johnson the money they paid for hay sent for, by the G. Court; and also the money given to encourage the Militia to inlist in the Continental Service. Hereof fail not. And make Return of this Warrant to the Select men at or before the Day appointed for S.ᵈ Meeting.

Dated at Southboro Feb. 14. 1776.

By Order of the Select men, James Parker Town Clerk

Southboro March 4. 1776. I have Executed the Above Warrant, by posting a Copy of the Same agreeable to a Vote of this Town of Southboro

Daniel Johnson Constable for Southboro

Settlement with the Treasurer A.D. 1776

At a Meeting of the Select men of Southboro Feb. 29. 1776. Having Examined the acct. of Deac.ᵒ Jn.ᵒ Fay Treasurer for Southboro we find he has been Chargable with one hundred Seventy two pound, thirteen Shillings nine pence two farthings; and that he has produced proper Vouchers shewing that he has paid one hundred twenty nine pounds twelve Shillings ten pence two farthings. And there now Remains in S.ᵈ Fays Hands forty three pound, & Eleven pence for which he is accountable to the Town Exclusive of What is assessed for the year 1775.

Isaac Johnson
Wm Collins
Aaron Fay
David Newton
} Select Men For Southboro

Recorded by J. Parker Town Clerk

Southboro March 4th 1776. the Town being met pursuant to the above warrant, in pages 32. 33. which being Read & the Return thereon & the meeting opened, proceeded to act. viz.

1st Choose Isaac Johnson Moderator for said Meeting.

On art. 2 Choose Mezh. Fay Wm Onthank Wardens.

Select men

Isaac Johnson, excused by Vote
Rev. Wm Collins
Capt. Aaron Fay
Capt Elijah Bellows, Excused by Vote.
Elijah Brigham, Excused by Vote.
Deac. John Fay
Nathan Bridges
Joshua Smith

Surveyers of Highway and Collectors of the Money granted to Repair the same
John Johnson
Aaron Kinsden
Samel Newton
John Richards

Fence Viewers.
Elisha Fay, Daniel Johnson.

Town Clerk, James Parker

Town Treasurer Deac. John Fay

Hog-reeves
Jonas Woods Moses Newton
Tyrus Newton, Jos. Sutliff.

Constables. Elijah Brigham Excused by Vote the 5. Day
Samuel Newton Excused by Vote the 5. Day
and Jonas Ball was Chosen the same Time

~~Constables~~
Choose

Assessors. Ithiel Moore, Solomon Newton
Jonas Ball, who was Excused by Vote the 5. Day, & Benja. Parker was Choosen at the same Time

Sealer of Leather.
John Angier

Tything men. John Angier Capt Nathan Brigham
James Bellows

Field Drivers.
Tyrus Newton
John Sterns

On. art 3. Choose Benja. Parker, Daniel Johnson, Deer Reeves.

4th art. Voted the Swine Should Run at Large this year.

Then Voted to adjourn the meeting to tomorrow at 12 o. Clock to meet at this place.

attst Isaac Johnson Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk.

Southboro. March 6. 1776 The Town being met according to adjournment and the meeting opened proceeded to act, viz.

on art. 5. Choose for Grave Diggers Jonas Woods, & Ezekiel Collins & and to Sweep the Meeting House, & Lock & unlock the same. Choose Joshua Smith. Pound Keeper Joshua Smith

on art. 6. Granted £30-0-0 for High ways — Voted thirty pounds to Repair High Ways, to be assessed to the poles and Estates Ratable in South boro.

on art. 7 £50-0-0 Granted for a School & other Town Debts — Voted twenty pounds to maintain a School; and thirty pounds, To pay Town Debts, to be assessed to the poles and Estates Ratable in Southboro.

In the 8. art: } Voted that Each Squadron should Draw their proportion of the School Money and hire a School Master ~~at such~~ Such Time in the Year as shall best Suit.

Chose Elijah Brigham, Asahel Moore, Jonas Ball, David Newton to proportion said Money.

art. 9. } Voted to Chuse a Committee to hire a Grammer School Master to teach & instruct any of the Inhabitants of this Town in the Knolidge of the Learned Languages, if any Should be Sent for that purpose.

Accordingly Chose Capt. Nath.ll Brigham, Isaac Johnson, Benj.a Parker

on. art 10. } Granted James Parker for Visit & med.s for Wid.o Bodinth.m — £ 0. 16. 6
Granted Phinehas Brown for taking Care of Sam.l Billow — 6. 12. 0
Granted Sol.o Newton for making & Copying Rates — 1. 2. 0
Granted Wm. Collins for Services at the Congress — 3. 10. 0
Granted Jonas Ball for making and Copying Rates — 1. 0. 0
Granted Asahel Moore for Ditto — 1. 0. 0
Granted Wm. Winchester for Board Wid.o Bodintham — 0. 9. 9
Granted John Johnson for Ditto — 6. 14. 5.
Granted Wm. Collins for a pair of Stockings for S. Billow — 0. 3. 0
Granted David newton for a pair Stockings &c. for Ditto — 0. 4. 4-2
Granted to Ditto for Wood for Wid.o Salter — 0. 7. 6
Granted Lt. Robert Gay for Ditto — 0. 9. 0
Granted Abner parker for Care of the Meting house &c. — 0. 18. 4
Granted Isaac Johnson for Bullet Bagg &c. — 0. 8. 8
Granted Dr. Gay for Serving Treasurer — 0. 12. 0
Granted Thos. Stone for Bullet Boxes, a Coffin &c. — 0. 8. 11-2

on art 11. } Voted to abate Job Biglow Rates for 1778. being 8/

Town Officers Sworn } Then the Town Officers Chosen the 4.th & 5.th Days were Sworn to the faithful Discharge of their Respective offices, by the Selectmen

Sealer of Wh. & meas. } At the Same Meeting David Newton was Chosen by the Selectmen and Constables, Sealer of Weights & measures, and Sworn by the Town Clerk.

Then voted to adjourn the Meeting to tomorrow at 12 o Clock, at noon to meet at this place. attest, Isaac Johnson, Moderator.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk.

Southboro March 6. 1778. The Town being met according to adjournment, & the Meeting opened proceeded to act. viz.

on. art 12. } Voted to Dismiss the Committee of Correspond.t & inspection and to Chuse a Committee agreeable to a Resolve of the Gen.l Court Feb. 18. 1776. for said Comt.e Chose Isaac Johnson, P. Newton, J. Brigham, Dan.l Johnson +

x Tri. angles Art. 13. } Voted to provide 6 Cord of Wood for Wid.o Salter for the Year ensueing.

on. art. 14. The votes for a County Register being called for, the Town brought in twenty three votes for Joseph Dorr Esqr and for a County Treasurer [redacted] twenty six votes for Wm Young ...

Art. 15. Voted to Discountenance and Discourage to the utmost of our power all unnecessary travelling and Buisness on the Sabbath, by any of the Inhabitants of this Town; and also recommend to the Wardens that they carefully inspect and inform of all Breeches of the Law relaterly to the Sabbath.

on art. 16. Granted Capt Aaron Fay and Isaac Johnson £2: 4: 8 for the money they paid for hay sent for by the G. Court.

Then voted to dissolve the meeting. attst Isaac Johnson Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Mr Jonat Ball & Elijah Brigham Constables for Southboro ——— Greeting.

(J.P.) You are hereby required in the name of the Government of this Colony forthwith to warn all the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro. who have an Estate in Freehold of 40/ pr ann. or other Estate to the value of £50. Sterling, to assemble at the public meeting House in S Town on Tuesday the 21st Day of May Curt. at 1. o Clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz.

1st To Elect one or more person or persons to Serve for and Represent the Town in a great and general Court to be Convened and kept for the Service of this Colony, at the meeting House in Watertown on Wednesday the 29th of may Curt. at 9 o Clock A. M. & so de Die in Diem During their Session & Sessions.

2. To Chuse a Moderator for the remaining Buisness of S Meeting.

3. For the Town to hear the report of the Select men relating to the alteration of the Road by the House of Amos Newton Esqr. and for the Town to act thereon as they Shall think fit.

4. For the Town to grant Capt. Josiah Fay his acct for his Service at the Congress A.D. 1775.

5. For the Town to abate the Rates of Richard Fozer & Edmond Newton as Set in a List of assessment Committed to Moses Bowe A.D. 1774.

6. For the Town by Vote to impower the Select men to Draw money out of the Treasury to purchase Such War like Tools and implements as is directed in the act for the Regulation of the Militia.

7. To hear and accept a List of Jurors. Hereof fail not. and make Return of this Warrant to the Select men at or before the Day appointed for S meeting. Dated at Southboro may 15th 1776

By order of the Select men, James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Southboro may 21. 1776. We have warned the Qulified Voters in our respective Desthicts to meet at Time & place and for the purposes Directed in the foregoing Warrant.

Jonas Ball, Elijah Brigham, Constables for Southbo

Southboro. may 21. 1776 the Town being met pursuant to the foregoing Warrant proceeded to act. viz.

Voted to Send a Representative. accordingly made Choice of James Parker

Then Chose Lieut Wm Collins moderator.

on art 3. Voted to accept the Report of the Select men about the Road by the House of Amos Newton jun. The Report is as follows,

Viz. Southboro may 18. 1776. after viewing the Premiss, we began a line twenty rods northerly of D Newtons House on the west side of the Road at a Heap of Stones close to D Newtons Fence runing Six Rods near the Cart Path thence fourteen rods coming East to the House, then leaving two rods against the End of the Fence that Leads up from John Newtons for his priviledge of Coming into the Road East to D Amos his House. thence Six Rods to a Heap of Stones, thence turning more westerly Six Rods to the Side of the wall Southerly of the House of the above named Amos newton. We the Subscribers think it will be no Damage to the public to make the alteration, and give the old Road to Amos Newton, for the new one, he paying the Town four Shillings, he having four Rods of Land more than was purchased by him to Lay the new Road on. the D Amos Newton to clear and make the new Road passable, and the new Road to be two Rods seven Links Wide in the narrowest place

This Road paid for. See page 41.

Wm Collins, John Fay, Nathan Bridges, Joshua Smith } Select men For Southboro

on art 4. Granted Capt Josiah Fay ten pounds Sixteen Shillings for his Service at the Congress. AD. 1775.

on art 5. Voted to abate the Rates of Edmond newton and Richard Tozer being 7/4 2/4 ——— ——— ——— £0. 7. 4. 3

The 6th art. passed in the affirmative. on the 7th art. accepted a List of Jurors, and Separated one fourth part for the Superior Bow.

Then by Vote the meeting was Dissolved

attest Wm Collins Moderr.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

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Worcester ss. Southboro June 6. 1776.

To Mess.rs Jonas Ball & Elijah Brigham Constables of Southb.o Greeting
In the name of the Government & people of the Massachusetts Bay
You are hereby forthwith required to warn all the Freeholders & other
Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro qualified by Law to Vote in Town
affairs to meet at the meeting House in s.d Town on monday the 17th
of June Instant at 8 o Clock A. M. to act on the following articles
viz. 1.st To Chuse a Moderator for s.d Meeting.
2. To see if the Town will Comply with and act upon an act
Intitled an act for the providing a Speedy & Cheap Course for the
Recovery of Debts, and Chuse some meet person to Recognize Debts
as provided by said act.
3. To see if the Town will pass a Vote, that if the Honourable Continen-
-ental Congress Should for the Safety of the Colonies Declare them
Independant of great Britton, they the s.d Inhabitants will
Solemly Engage with their Lives & fortunes to Support them in the
Measure. and make Return of your Doings to us on or before s.d
Time

Wm Collins, John Fay, Aaron Fay, Nathan Bridges, Joshua Smith } Select men for Southboro

Southboro June 10. 1776. We have
warned the Qualified Voters in our
Respective Districts to meet at Time
and place as Directed in the above Warrant

Jonas Ball, Elijah Brigham Constables
for Southborough

Southboro June 10. 1776. The Town being met pursuant to the
foregoing Warrant proceeded to act viz.
1. Chose Lieu.t Wm Collins Moderator for s.d Meeting
2. Chose Solomon Ward to take Recognizances of Debts as Directed
by an act of the General Court. s.d Ward was Sworn by the
Select men according to Law.
3. Then Voted to Adjourn the meeting to 5 o Clock P. M. to meet at
this place —— attest Wm Collins Moderator

June 10. 1776. 5. o Clock P. M. the Town being met according to
adjournment proceeded to act. viz.
on art. 3. Which passed in the affirmative. Then the meeting
was Dissolved, attest Wm Collins Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Perambulation of Lines & Renewal of Bounds

April 29. 1776 We the Subscribers being Duly appointed, have this Day perambulated & renewed Bounds between Marlboro. and Southboro. to the Satisfaction of both parties, omiting the bound on pine Hill that was formerly renewed.

Nathan Bridges, Jonas Ball, Nathan Brigham Junr. } For South borough

George Brigham, Barns & Moses Woods } For Marlborough

Westboro & Southboro

April 15. 1776. We the Subscribers duly appointed, have this Day perambulated and renewed Bounds between Westboro. and Southboro. to the Satisfaction of both parties

George Andrews, Phinehas Haskell, for Westboro

Nathan Bridges, Nath. Brigham, Joshua Smith, for Southborough

April. 15. 1776 We the Subscribers duly appointed, met and perambulated and renewed Bounds between Southboro. and Northborough — Nath. Brigham, Nath. Bridges Wm. Collins Joshua Smith Committee for Southboro

Levi Brigham, Jonathan Bruce, for Northboro.

May 27. 1776 We the Subscribers duly appointed have this Day Renewed Bounds between Framingham and Southborough

John Trowbridge, John Shattuck, for Framingham

Aaron Fay, Elijah Bellows, for Southborough

Worcester ss. Southboro 27. augt. 1776

To Messrs Elijah Brigham and Jonas Ball Constables for Southboro — — — Greeting

You are hereby Required, in the Name of Government of the States forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of this Town, qualified to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting House in s.d Town on Monday the 9th of Sept.r next at 2 o Clock. P. M. to act on the following articles. Viz

First. to Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2dly To agree upon and Grant a Sum of Money to pay the Revd Nath.l Stone his present Years Sallery, ending June 8th 1777

3.dly To Chuse a Committee to meet the Committee from Marlboro to move a Monument on pine hill, it being two Rods and Six Links in Southboro

4.thly as Powder and Ball and Flints have been Lent to this State to See whether the Town will Replace the Same, or Receive their pay in Money. Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant and your Doings therein to us on or before said Time

Septr. 9th 1776. We have Warned the Qualified Voters in our Respective Districts to meet at Time & Place as Directed in the above Warrant

Wm Collins
John Fay
Aaron Fay
Nathan Bridges
Joshua Smith
} Select men For Southboro

Jonas Ball, Elijah Brigham Constables For Southboro

Septr 9th 1776. The Town being met pursuant to the foregoing Warrant proceeded to act viz

First Chose Lieut. Wm Collins moderr for s.d meeting

Secondly. Granted the Sum of Sixty Six pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence, to the Revd. Nathn Stone for his present Years Sallery Ending June 8th 1777. to be assess'd to the poles & Estates Reteable in Southborough

Thirdly. Chose Deacr John Fay, Capt Nathn Brigham and Nathan Bridges to meet the Committee of Marlborough, for the purposes named in the 3.d art of the aforegoing Warrant

Fourthly. Voted to Replace the Towns Stock Lent to this State the Last Year. Then the Meeting was Dissolved

attst Wm Collins Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Septr 30. 1776. To Messrs Jonas Ball and Elijah Brigham Constables For Southboro

You are Required in the name of the Government of this State forthwith to warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town in your Respective Districts, Qualified to act in Town affairs to meet at the meeting House at 8 o Clock A.M. the first of next Precisely to act on the following artr viz

first. To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting. Secondly.

Secondly. To Chuse a County Register.
Thirdly. To Chuse a County Treasurer and act thereon as the Law Directs. and to make Return of this warrent with your Doings thereon on or before the Time above mentioned

octr. 1. 1776 in obedience to this Warrant I have strictly obeyed the within Request

Wm Collins
John Fay
Nathan Bridges
} Select men for Southbo

Jones Ball Constable for Southboro

octr. 1. 1776 I have Executed the within Warrant

Elijah Brigham, Constle. for Southboro

Octr. 1. 1776. The Town being met pursuant to the foregoing Warrant proceeded to act viz.

1st. Choose Lieut. Wm Collins Moderator for D Meeting.

Then the Votes for a County Register being called for there were 17 in favour of James Parker, and one for Joshua Smith.

Then the Votes for a County Treasurer were brought in, being Eleven in favour of Joseph Wheeler

The Meeting was then Dissolved

attest Wm Collins Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

N. B. at the above Meeting, Amos Niston Junr. paid four Shillings to the Treasurer for the Road he purchased of the Town on the 21st. of may last.

Worcester ss Octr. 16. 1776. To Messrs Jonas Ball & Elijah Brigham Constables for Southborough ——— You are Required in the Name of the Government of this State forthwith to warn all male persons in the Town of Southboro. in Your Respective Destricts, to meet at the meeting House in s.d Town on monday the 21st of octr. Curt. at 2 o Clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz.

1.st To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting.

2. For the Town to Determine whether they will give their Consent that the present House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts-Bay, with the Council Convening in one Body, and by Equal Voice, Shall Consult, agree upon, & Enact Such a Form of Government as the s.d House & Council Shall think most Conducive to the Safety, peace, & happiness of this and all Succeeding generations; and Direct the Same to be made public for the Inspection & perusal of the Inhabitants before the Ratification thereof by the assembly; and make Return to the Court, and also pass any Vote thereon which they Shall think proper ———

3. To See if the Town will make Search for, and Sale of all the Land which Samuel Bellows Died Seized and possessed of, and appoint a Committee for the above purpose, and pass any Vote Relating to the Same. And make Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon, in or before the Time for s.d meeting

Octr. 21. 1776. I have warned all the male persons in my Destrict, that are Capable of acting, to meet as within Directed
Elijah Brigham, Constable for Southboro

Wm Collins, John Fay, Aaron Fay, Nathan Bridges } Select-Men for Southboro

octr 21. 1776 In obedience to this Warrant, I have nearly obeyed the within Directions. Jonas Ball Constable for Southborough

Octr. 21. 1776. The Town being met pursuant to the foregoing Warrent Proceeded to act. viz.

1.st Chose Lieut. Wm Collins Moderator for said meeting.

2.d Voted that the present House of Representatives of this State of the Massachusetts-Bay, together with the Council, they Consenting, in one Body, and by Equal Voice, Should Consult, agree upon, and Enact, a Form of Government for this State; We Confiding in their Wisdom and ability, to form Such a Government, as Shall most Conduce to the Safety, peace, and Happiness of this, and all Succeeding Generations; Yet Still Retaining to ourselves the Right & to peruse and approve of Said Form, previous

Previous to the Ratification thereof by said Assembly

3. Voted to make Search for, and Sale of all the Land which Samuel Ballow died Seizd and possessed of, and that Daniel Johnson, Solomon Nuston, & Jonas Ball be a Committee for that purpose.

Voted that said Committee return into the Treasury all such money as they may procure for said Land, and take the Treasurers Receipt for the same

Then Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

attest Wm Collins Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

INDEPENDENCE

In Congress July 4th 1776. A Declaration by the United States of America in General Congress Assembled.

When in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the political Bands which have connected them with another, & to assume among the powers of the Earth, the Separate & Equal Station, to which the Laws of Nature, & of Nature's God entitle them, a Decent Respect to the opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the Causes which impel them to the Separation.

We hold these truths to be Self-Evident, that all men are created equal, that they are Endowed by their Creator with Certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, & the pursuit of Happiness:— that to Secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among men, Deriving their just powers from the consent of the Governed, that whenever any form of Government becomes Destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the people, to alter, or to abolish it, & to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles, and Organizing its powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to Effect their Safety and Happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments Long Established Should not be changed for light & transient Causes; and

And accordingly all Experience hath Shewn, that mankind are more disposed to Suffer, while Evils are Sufferable, than to Right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses & usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Suffering of these Colonies; and Such is now the Necessity which Constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of G. Brittain is a History of Repeated Injuries & usurpations, all having in Direct object the Establishment of an absolute Tyrany over these States. To prove this, let facts be Submitted to a Candid World.

He has Refused his assent to Laws, the most Wholsome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his governors to pass laws of immediate & pressing Importance, unless Suspended in their opperation until his assent should be obtained; and when so Suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them

He has Refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of Large Districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them and formidable to Tyrants only.

He has called together Legislative Bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable and Distant from the Depository of their publick Records, for the Sole purpose of fatiguing them into Compliance with his Measures.

He has Dissolved Representative Houses Repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness, his Invasions on the Rights of the people.

He has Refused for a Long Time after such Dissolutions to Cause others to be Elected; Whereby the Legislative powers incapable of annihilation, have Returned to the people at Large for their Exercise; the State remaining, in the mean Time exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without, and Convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; Refusing to pass others to Encourage their Migrations hither, and Raising the Conditions of new appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his assent to Laws for Establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges Dependent on his Will alone, for the Tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their Salleries.

He has erected a multitude of new Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their Substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies, without the Consent of our Legislatures.

He has affected to render the military independent of and Superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to Subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknoledged by our Laws; Giving his assent to their acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large Bodies of armed Troops among us:

For protecting them by a mock Trial, from punishment for ~~a~~ any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For Cutting off ~~their~~ our Trade with all parts of the World:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For Depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of Trial, by Jury:

For Transporting us beyond Seas to be Tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws, in a neighbouring province, establishing therein an arbitary Government, & Enlarging its Boundaries, so as to render it, at once, an Example & fit instrument for introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies:

For Taking away our Charters, abolishing our most Valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our Government:

For Suspending our Legislatures, and Declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us, in all Cases whatever.

He has abdicated Government here, by Declaring us out of his protection, and waging War against us.

He has plundered our Seas, Ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, & Destroyed the Lives of our people.

He is, at this time, Transporting large armies of Foreign Mercenaries, to Compleat the Works of Death, Desolation & Tyranny, already begun, with Circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy, Scarcely parralleld in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a Civilized Nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens, taken Captive on the high Seas, to bear Arms against their Country; to become the Executioners of their Friends, & Brethren, or, to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic Insurrections amongst us, & endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare is an undistinguished Destruction of all ages, Sexes, and Conditions.

In every Stage of these oppressions, we have petitioned for Redress, in the most humble Terms: Our repeated Petitions have

have been answered with only by Repeated Injury! — A prince whose Caracter is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant is unfit to be the Ruler of a Free people!

Nor have we been wanting in attention to our British Brethren. We have warned them from Time to Time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. we have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice, and magnanimity, & we have conjured them by the Ties of our common Kindred, to Disavow these Usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our Connections & Correspondence. They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice & of Consanguinity. We must therefore acquiesce in the necessity which Denounces our Seperation and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War; in peace Friends.

We therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America in general Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World, for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the name and by the Authority of the good people of these Colonies, Solemly publish and Declare, that these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown; and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great Brittain, is, and ought to be totally Dissolved; And that as free and independent States, they have full power to levy War, Conclude peace, Contract Alliances, Establish Commerce, and to Do all other acts & Things which Independent States may of Right Do. And for the Support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the protection of Divine providence, we mutually pledge to Each other, our Lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honour.

Signed, by order, and in behalf of the Congress,

John Hancock President.

Attest. Charles Thompson, Secretary

Copy

Febry 17th 1777 Nathan Bridges paid the Treasurer 7/11½ it being money the Soldiers paid him for ammunition belonging to the Town. Likewise £1: 16: 0 for Sam.l Bellows Effects. at the Same Time Wm Collins paid the Treasurer 12/6. for ammunition as aforesaid

Worcester ss. Southboro Feb.y 14.th 1777

To Messrs Jonas Ball or Elijah Brigham Constables for Southboro Greeting.

You are hereby Required ~~forthwith~~ in the Name of the Government of the State of the Massachusetts-Bay forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro. qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the 18.th Instant at 12. o Clock Precisely, to act on the following Articles. Viz.

First, To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2.dly For the Town to agree upon and Grant a Sum of Money as an additional Encouragment to Raise our Quota of men for this Town; and pass any Vote or Votes Concerning the Same as the Town Shall think fit.

And make Return of this Warrant, with Your Doings thereon at or before the Time for s.d meeting

Worcester ss Feb.y 10. 1777. I have Warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants as within Directed

Jonas Ball Const.le for Southboro

Wm Collins
John Gray
Aaron Gray
Nathan Bridges
Joshua Smith
} Select Men for Southboro

Worcester ss. Southboro Feb.y 18. 1777 I have warned the Inhabitant of this Town within my District as Directed in the foregoing Warrant

Elijah Brigham Const.le for Southboro

Feb.y 18.th 1777. The Town being met pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. proceeded to act. viz.

First Chose Lev.t Joshua Smith Moderator for said Meeting.

on. art 2.nd } Voted the Sum of Ten pounds to be given to Each person who shall engage in the Continental Service for 3 Years or During the War, to be assessed to the polls and Estates Ratable in Southboro

Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to hire the money for the Service aforesaid, and give his Security for the Same till said money Shall be assessed and Collected.

Then voted to Dissolve the Meeting

attest Joshua Smith Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Southborough Feb.y 11.th 1777.

We the Subscribers Select men and Committee of Correspond for the Town of Southboro pursuant to an act of the General Court of this State, Intituled an act to prevent Monopoly and Oppression, have, agreeable to the power invested in us by said act, affixed and Settled the following Prices unto the hereafter named articles, viz.

	£	s	d
Farming Labour, the 2 Best months, viz: from the 15.th of June to the 15.th of aug.t 3/ per Day	0	3	0
The next three best months viz: from the first of May to the 15.th of June and from the 15.th of aug.t to first of oct.r 2/ per Day	0	2	0
The 4 next best months viz. march, April, oct.r and Nov.r 1/8 per Day	0	1	8
The 3 Winter Months 1/3 per Day	0	1	3
Good Wheat 6/8 per Bushel. Good Rye 4/4 per Bushel	0	6	8
	0	4	4
Good Indian Corn at 3/2 per Bushel	0	3	2
Good Sheeps Wool at 2/ per lb	0	2	0
Fresh Pork of the best Quallity 4d per lb	0	0	4
Salt Pork at 7d. per lb. Good Grass fed Beef at 2½ per lb	0	0	7
	0	0	2 2
Best Stall Fed Beef at at 3¼ per lb	0	0	3 1
Raw Hides at 3d. per lb	0	0	3
Raw Calve Skins at 6d. per lb	0	0	6
Tavern-Keepers for a meal of Victuals of the best Sort not to Exceed 1/ per meal	0	1	0
And for the Common Sort not to exceed 8d. per meal	0	0	8
For a mugg of West-India Phlip 10d	0	0	10
For a mugg of New-England Phlip 8d	0	0	8
For half a gill of west-India Rum 2d	0	0	2
For half a gill of new-England Rum 1½	0	0	1 2
For a mess of oats 3d	0	0	3
For Keeping a Horse a Night or 24 Hours 1/3	0	1	3
For keeping a Yoak of Oxen a night 1/6	0	1	6
For Lodging a person a night 3d	0	0	3
Lump Butter 9d. per lb. Firkin Butter 8½ per lb	0	0	9
	0	0	8 2
Good peas 7/ per Bushel	0	7	0
Good Beans 5/ per Bushel	0	5	0
Good Potatoes in the fall 1/ and in the Spring 1/4 p.r Bush.r	0	1	0
	0	1	4
Good Turnips 8d. per Bushel	0	0	8
Mens Good Yarn Stockings 6/ a pair	0	6	0
Mens Shoes of the Best Sort 7/6 a pair	0	7	6

	£	s.	d.	q
Womens Shoes and others in the Same Proportion ..				
Good Oats at 2/ per Bushel ———	0	2	0	0
Good Barley 3/8 per Bushel. Malt the Same ..	0	3	8	0
Good well Dressed Flax at 1/ per lb ———	0	1	0	0
Tried Tallow 7d pr lb. Ruff. Tallow 4½d ———	0	0	7	0
	0	0	4	2
Good Yard Wide tow Cloth 2/3 pr Yard ———	0	2	3	0
and other Tow Cloth in proportion according to the Width and Quality: The price of Coarse Linnens after the Same Rate Cotton & Linnen and Woollen Cloths Reffered to the act.				
Tanning of Leather not to exceed 2d per lb ———	0	0	2	0
Good mutton 3½d per lb ———	0	0	3	2
Good Veal 2½d per lb ———	0	0	2	2
Good Lamb 3d per lb ———	0	0	3	0
milk by the Quart, by grass 1½d ———	0	0	1	2
milk by Hay by the Quart 2d ———	0	0	2	0
English Hay of the best Sort 2/8 per C.Wt ———	0	2	8	0
Good heart Barrels 3/4 a piece ———	0	3	4	0
Sap Barrels 2/6 ———	0	2	6	0
Retailers of Spiritous Liquors Not to Exceed 8d profit pr Gall.	0	0	8	0
Cheese of the best Sort 5d per lb ———	0	0	5	0
— of the middling Sort 4d the poorer Sort 2½d ———	0	0	4	0
	0	0	2	2
Cyder by the Barrel at the press 3/4 ———	0	3	4	0
— in the Spring and Summer 6/ ———	0	6	0	0
For making mens Shoes 2/8 a pair ———	0	2	8	0
Womens, and other Shoes in Proportion.				
Shoeing a Horse with plain Shoes 4/4 ———	0	4	4	0
All Black-Smiths Work Equivalent to the Shoeing according to the Extraordinary price of Steel.				
Womens Common Work 2/8 per Week ———	0	2	8	0
Good Wood at the Buyers Door 6/ per Cord ———	0	6	0	0
Charcoal 3¼d per Bushel at the pit ———	0	0	3	1
Weaving Yard Wide tow Cloth 3d per Yard ———	0	0	3	0
and other Cloth in proportion.				
Weaving All Wide Woollen Cloth 4d per Yard. ———	0	0	4	0
Horse hire for Common Service 2d per mile ———	0	0	2	0
Oxen hire 2½d per mile ———	0	0	2	2
For the hire of a Waggon in Good Repair 3d per mile ———	0	0	3	0
For the hire of a Good Cart 2d per mile ———	0	0	2	0
For making a Good pair of Cart Wheels, & finding the Stuff ———	1	12	0	0
A Good Bed. Stead 6/4 and other Joiners Work in Prop.	0	6	4	0
Sawing Boards and Slit-Work 1/2½ ———	0	1	2	2

	per day	£	s	d	£
Women Taylors Labour, being good Work-men	½	0	0	9	0

Work taken in by Taylors in proportion.

And all other articles not here enumerated to bare the same proportion according to ancient Custom

Isaac Johnson, David Newton, John Angier, Daniel Johnson — Committee of Correspond For Southborough

Wm Collins, John Fay, Aaron Fay, Nathan Bridges, Joshua Smith — Select Men For Southboro

Copy, Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Select men of Southborough Feb.y 28th 1777 Having Examined the accounts of Deac.n John Fay Treasurer for Southboro We find he has been Chargable with one hundred Eighty three pounds, Eighteen Shillings Eight pence two Farthings; and that he has produced proper Vouchers, Shewing that he has paid one hundred forty two pounds, Eighteen Shillings ten pence three Farthings. And there now Remains in said Fays Hands Forty pounds nineteen Shillings nine pence three Farthings, for Which he is accountable to the Town, Exclusive of the assessment for the year 1776

Wm Collins, Aaron Fay, John Fay, Nathan Bridges, Joshua Smith — Select men For Southboro

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Mess[rs] Jonas Ball & Elijah Brigham Constables for Southboro or either of them — Greeting

You are hereby Requir'd [redacted] in the Name of the people & Government of the State of the Massachusetts - Bay forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabit - itants of the Town of Southboro qualified to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the public meeting House in s[d] Town on monday the 3[d] Day of March at 12 o'Clock at noon to act on the following articles, viz

First to Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting.

2[dly] To Chuse Town officers for the Year Ensuing as the Law Directs

3. To Chuse some persons to inspect the killing of Deer against the Law

4. To See if the Town will let their Swine Run at large the Year Ensuing

5. To Chuse Grave Diggers, a Pound Keeper, and some person to Sweep the meeting House, and Lock and unlock the Doors of the Same.

6. To agree upon and grant a Sum of Money to Repair high - ways in said Town

7. To agree upon & grant a Sum of money to maintain a School & pay other Town Debts.

8. To Chuse a Committee to hire a School-Master for the Year Ensuing.

9. For the Town to Consider & allow all town Debts, to those to whom the Town is Justly indebted.

10. To Chuse a Committee of Correspondence Inspection & Safety.

11. To See if the Town will procure any Wood for the Wid[s] Deliver - ance Salter and how much. Herof fail not. and make Return of this Warrant to the Select men at or before the Day appointed for said meeting. Dated at Southboro Feb[y] 9[th] 1777

By order of the Select men

James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss March 3. 1777. In obedience to this Warrant I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants as within Directed. to assemble at the Time & place within mentioned.

Jonas Ball, Constable for Southboro

Southborough March 3d 1777. The Town being met pursuant to the forgoing Warrent proceeded to act. viz

on art 1st } Choose ~~Lt. Joshua Smith~~ Moderator.

on art. 2nd } Choose Lt. Wm Collins, Capt. Aaron Fay, Capt. Seth Newton, Lt. Joshua Smith, Lt Elijah Brigham, Sob Select men

Town Clerk, James Parker }

Town Treasurer, Jonas Ball. }

Constables. Samuel Newton and James Bellows. Mark Collins Jr. was accepted in the Room of James Bellows the 4th Day }

Assessors. Solomon Newton, Ashel Moore, Benja. Parker }

Tything-Men. Samuel Borne, Nathan Bridges. Capt. Aaron Fay }

Field Drivers. Capt. Seth Newton, Abner Parker }

Surveyer of Highways and Collector of the Money granted for the same Joel Newton, Abner Parker, Mark Collins Jr. Tyrus Newton }

Sealer of Leather. John Angier. }

Fence Viewers. Nathan Taplin, Moses Bruce, Chosen the 4th Day }

Hog-Reeves. Ezekiel Collins, Isah Newton, Joseph. Tuttle. }

on art 3d } Choose Daniel Johnson. Capt. Aaron Fay. Deer Reeves. }

on the 4th art } Voted the Swine Should run at large the Year Ensuing

on the 5th art } Chose Jonas Woods, Ezekiel Collins for Grave Diggers. For a Pound-Keeper, Lt. Joshua Smith. And to lock and unlock the Meeting-House & Sweep the Same Chose Abner Parker.

on the 6th art. } Granted twenty Pounds to repair High-Ways in s.d Town, to be assessed to the Polls and Estates ratable in Southborough - - -.

on the 7th art } Granted thirty pounds to pay a School-Master and other Town Debts. to be assessed to the polls and Estates ratable in Southborough.

on the 8th art } Chose Jonathan Champney, Elijah Brigham, & Ezra Taylor, to hire a School Master for the Year Ensuing.

Then voted to adjourn the Meeting to tomorrow at 1 o Clock at this place.

attest, Joshua Smith
Moderator

Recorded by James Parker
Town Clerk

March 4th 1777. The Town met according to adjournment, and proceeded to act, viz

on the 9th art.	Granted to James Parker	£ 0 . 10 . 4 . 0
	Granted to Nathan Bridges	4 . 5 . 10 . 0
	Granted to Mahel Moore	1 . 9 . 0 . 0
	Granted to Capt Aaron Fay	0 . 6 . 0 . 0
	Granted to Elisha Johnson	4 . 16 . 0 . 0
	Granted to Deac. John Fay	0 . 14 . 0 . 0
	Granted to Wm Collins	1 . 7 . 8 . 0
	Granted to Robert Fay	0 . 3 . 8 . 0
	Granted to Solomon Newton	1 . 5 . 6 . 0
	Granted to Benj. Parker	1 . 5 . 6 . 0
	Granted to Solomon Newton Daniel Johnson & Jonas Ball	0 . 12 . 0 . 0
	Granted to Joshua Smith	1 . 6 . 8 . 0

The 10th. article passed in the negative.

on the 11th art. Voted to procure five Cord of Wood for the Widow Deliverance Salter for the Year Ensuing.

Then Voted that the School Should begin first at the Centre. Then at the East End. Then at the South Side. Then the West End

Voted that the School Should Stand Squadroned as it was the Year before Last.

Pursuant to a Warrant for the Choice of a County Register the Town brought in their Votes for the Same, and upon Counting and Sorting them there appeared 9 for Joseph Dorr Esqr and 19. For James Parker.

Then the Town officers Chosen at this Meeting were Sworn to the faithful Discharge of their respective offices, by the Select Men.

At the Same Meeting, David Newton was legally Chosen Sealer of Weights & Measures, and Sworn by the Selectmen.

Then, by Vote the Meeting was Disolved

attest. Joshua Smith Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Southboro March 21. 1777

To Messrs Samuel Newton & Mark Collins Jur. or Either of them. Constables for Southboro — — Greeting.

You are hereby Required forthwith ~~to warn~~ in the name of the Government of this State, to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants in your Dastrict, qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting House, on Thursday the 27 Inst. at 3 o'Clock P. M. to act on the Following articles. viz.

First. To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting.

2. Ly To Chuse a Committee of Correspond, Inspection & Safety agreeably to a Resolve of the General assembly of this State.

3. For the Town to let the Burying place the Year Ensuing and pass any Vote relative to the Same. Hereof fail not. and make return of this Warrant at or before Said Meeting.

Wm Collins, Selct men
Seth Newton, For
Joshua Smith, Southboro
Elijah Boigham

March 27. 1777. In obedience to this Warrant. I have warned the Qualified Voters in my Dastrict to meet at Time & place as above Directed

Mark Collins Jur. Constable for Southboro

Southbor March 27. 1777 I have warned the Qualified Voters in my Dastrict as above Directed. Samll Newton Constable

Southboro March 27. 1777. The Town met pursuant To the foregoing Warrant & proceed to act. as follows. viz.

Firstly Choose Lt. Joshua Smith. Moderator.

Secondly. Choose for a Committee of Correspond &c. Jones Ball Nathan Bridges. Jonr Champney Daniel Johnson. Lt. Edmond Chamberlain. Jones Ball was Excused. and Asahel Mason was Chosen in his Room.

Third Ly. Voted to let the Burying Land to Jones Ball for one Year, for Six Shillings. he mowing the Brush on the Same

Then the Meeting Was Dissolved.

attest Joshua Smith Moderator

Recorded by James Barker Town Clerk

To Messrs Mark Collins Jnr & Samuel Newton Constables for Southboro — — — — — — Greeting —

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government of the State of Massachusetts Bay. forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro in your Respective Districts. qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting House in said Town, on Friday the 4th day of April Curr. at 1 Clock P. M. to act on the following articles. viz

First. To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting.

Secondly. To See if the Town will do any thing further to Encourage the Soldiers in s[aid] Town to Engage in ~~the Continental~~ the Continental Service. and pass any Vote Relative to the Same as they Shall think fit. Hereof fail not. and Make Return of this Warrant, to the Selectmen by the Day appointed for said meeting. Dated at Southboro April 1st A D. 1777

By order of the Select men,
James Parker Town Clerk

April 4. 1777. I have warned the Qualified Voters in my District to meet as above Directed Mark Collins Jnr Const. for Southbo
April 1. 1777. I have warned those in my District to meet at the Time & place as Directed in the foregoing Warrant.
Samuel Newton Constable.

April 4. 1777. The Town being met pursuant to the foregoing Warrant proceeded to act viz
First Choose Lt Joshua Smith Moderator.
on the 2nd art. Voted to Chuse a Committee to Engage as many in the Continental Service as they Can, by the 9th of April Curr.
Voted a Committee Should Consist of five. Choose Jonas Ball, Solomon Newton, & Lt Elijah Brigham.
Then Voted to adjourn the Meeting to Wednesday next ~~the~~ place 2 o Clock. at this place.
attest Joshua Smith Moderator

James Parker Town Clerk

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Turn over.

April 9. 1777. The Town being met according to adjournment proceeded to act. viz.

on. art 2nd — Voted the Sum of Twenty four pounds to Each man who shall hereafter Engage in the Continental Service for 3 Years or During the war, provided they Engage within 10 Days from this Day. to be assessed to the poles and Estates ratable in Southboro

Then Voted to adjourn the Meeting to Friday the 18 Day of this month at 4 o'Clock. P. M. to meet at this place.

attest Joshua Smith Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

April 18. 1777 The Town being met agreeable to adjournment proceeded to act viz.

Voted to Reconsider the Vote of the last meeting of twenty four pounds as granted to all who would inlist between the 9th of April Curr. to the 18th as none appeared to inlist.

Then voted to dissolve the meeting

attest Joshua Smith Moderator

Recorded by James Parker, Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Southborough 14. may 1777.

To Messrs Samuel Newton and Mark Collier Jnr. Constables for Southboro — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Govt of this State forthwith to warn all qualified Voters in your Districts for the Choice of a Representative to meet at the meeting House in Southboro on monday the 19th Day of may Curr. at 4 o'Clock. P. M. to hear the plan of Government proposed by the General assembly of this State, and Chuse a Representative with such Instructions as is directed therein. Then to Chuse a Moderator for the Remaining Business of the Meeting.

2dly For the Town to discontinue and sell to Joseph Wetherbee and his Heirs the Road from the Wido Deliverance Salters to Peter Brewers Gate, and act thereon as the Town shall think fit when met. Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant to us with your Doings thereon at or

before

before said Time.

Aaron Fay, Wm Collins, Seth Newton, Joshua Smith } Select men for Southboro

Southboro may 19th 1777. I have warned all qualified Voters for the aforesaid meeting the Time when & place where

Sam: Newton Constable

May 19th 1777. I have warned the qualified Voters in my District to appear at the Time and place directed in the foregoing Warrant. Mark Collins Jr Constable for Southboro

Southboro May 19th 1777. The Town being met pursuant to the foregoing Warrent proceeded to all viz.

Voted to answer the precept by sending a Representative

Accordingly Choose Lt. Wm Collins to Represent them in the General Court.

Then voted that Sd Representative be instructed to proceed in forming a plan of Government agreeable to a Resolve of the General assembly of this State, Dated May 5th 1777.

Then Choose Lt. Wm Collins Moderator.

Then voted to discontinue and sell to Joseph Witherbee and his Heirs the Road leading from the Wid Deliverance Salters to peter Brewers Gate, he paying the Town the Sum of three pounds.

Then voted to Dissolve the Meeting

att. Wm Collins Moderator.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Witherbees Receipt.

July 12th 1777. Then Rd three pounds of Joseph Witherbee as Recompence for the Road from the Widow Deliverance Salters to peter Brewers Gate Granted to him by the Town of Southboro.

Jonas Ball, Treasurer

Copy. attest James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Mess.r Sam.l Newton or Mark Collin Junr
or either of them Constables for Southboro
You are hereby Required In the name of the Government & People
of Massachusetts Bay forthwith to warn all the Freeholders & other
Inhabitants in your district quallified to Vote in Town meeting
to meet at the meeting house in Southboro. on Tuesday the 9th
of Sep.r Current at 4 O Clock P. M.: to Act on the following
Articles Viz.t

1 to Choose a Moderator for D.o Meeting

2d for the Town to Agree upon & grant to the Revd Mr Nathan
Stone a Sum of Money for the Present years Salary Ending
June 8th 1778

3d To See if the Town will put the Work house in Tenatable
Repair & Rent the Same to Samuel Hudson for one year
Together with Some Common land Adjoining to the Same
thereof fail not & make due Return of this Warrant with your
doings theron on or before D.o time
Dated att Southboro
this 3d day of Sep.r 1777

Wm Collins
Joshua Smith
Elijah Brigham
} Select men for Southboro

Southboro Sep.r 8th 1777
In Obediance to the within Warrant I have warned the
Inhabitants in my District Quallified as is within Required to
appear att time and place

Samuel Newton
Mark Collins Junr
} Constables for Southboro

Southboro 9th Sep.r 1777
The Town being Impowered Agreable to the foregoing Warrant
Proceeded to Act Viz.t

1 Chose Lieut Wm Collins Moderator

On the 2d Article Agreed upon & granted Revd Nathan Stone
2d £75:00- for his Service in the Ministry the present year Ending
June 8th 1778 to be Assessed on the Polls and Ratable
Estate in Southboro

3d On Article 3 Voted not to act upon it

Then Voted to Dissolve the meeting
attest William Collins Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk P. T.

Southboro 9 Sep.r 1777 paid into the Treasurer by Lieut.t
Wm Collins 9/6 for Some things that was got for Elisha
Bruces Children & was never d.d & now Sold for the above Sum

Worcester ss. To mess^rs Samuel Easton and Mark Collins Jun^r Constables of Southboro, or either of them. Greeting.

You are hereby required in name of the Government of the Massachusetts Bay, forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting House in S^d Town on Friday the 21. Curr^t. at 1, o Clock P. M. to act on the Following articles, viz^t

1. To Chuse a moderator for said meeting.
2. To see if the Town will in the Sickness of their Rev^d Pastor hire preaching, and in what manner, and pass any Vote or Votes concerning the same.
3. as the Select men did some time since purchase a Number of Small arms from the State Store, to see if the Town will purchase them for a Town Stock or pass any Vote concerning the same.
4. To see if the Town will Rent the Work-House to Sam^l Hudson for any term of Time.
5. For the Town to determine what they will do about the Road they sold to Joseph Witherbee and now opened by Jury, and pass any vote relative to the same.
6. For the Town to shew their minds about the Gen^l Assemblys of this State puting the whole of the Bill of public Credit upon Interest that have been emitted at various Times, and pass any Vote about the same as they shall think fit.

Hereof fail not. and make Return of this Warrent to the Select men, at or before S^d meeting Dated at Southboro Nov^r 14. 1777

Wm Collins
Aaron Gay
Joshua Smith
} Select men For Southboro

Nov^r 20. 1777. In obedience to the within foregoing Warrant, I have warned the Qualified Voters to appear at the Time and place above directed.

Mark Collins Jun^r Constable for South Borough

Nov. 21. 1777. The Town of Southboro being met pursuant to the foregoing Warrant proceeded to act. viz.

First. Chose Mr. William Collins moderator.

On the 2d art. Voted to hire preaching during the Sickness of the Revd. Nathan Stone. Then Chose for a Committee to hire preaching, Mr. Smith, James Parker & Elijah Brigham. Then Granted twenty pounds to pay a Preacher, to be assessed to the polls & Estates ratable in Southboro

£20. granted for preaching.

Voted, That the aforsaid Committee be impowered to draw money out of the Treasury to pay a Preacher.

On art. 3d. Voted that the Select men shall sell to the Inhabitants of this Town the fire arms which Joshua Smith purchased of the State Agent.

Voted to pass over the 4th article.

On the 5th art. Voted, that the Treasurer should repay to Joseph Witherbee the money he gave for the Road from the Wid. Salters to peter Brewers Gate, he the D. Witherbee giving a Receipt for the same & declaring content therewith.

On art. 6. Voted that our Representative be instructed to use his utmost Influence, that the act of the G. Court for calling in the Bills of public Credit, emitted, at various Times, and puting them upon Interest, should be totally Repealed. Then voted to Dissolve the meeting

attest. William Collins Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Money borrowed by the Treasurer & paid to the Soldiers

December 24th 1777. I the Subscriber have agreeable to a Vote of the Town of Southborough borrowed one hundred pounds and paid the same to ten Continental Soldiers.

Jonas Ball, Treasurer

A true Copy. Entered by James Parker Town Clerk

Southborough December 16th 1777. To Messrs Samuel Newton & Mark Collins 2d Constables for Southboro. or either of them. Greeting ——————————————

You are hereby required in the Name of the Government of the State of Massachusetts Bay, forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro. qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting House in s.d Town on Monday the 22d. Instant at 2 o'Clock. P.M. to act on the following artic.s viz. First to chuse a Moderator for said meeting.

Secondly for the Town to chuse a Committee to provide for the Families of the Soldiers of the Continental Army, who are part of the Quota of this Town agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of this State for that purpose; or act thereon as they shall think fit.

Thirdly. For the Town to make the assessors Suitable Recompence for their service in taking the invoice for this Year; or act thereon as they shall think fit.

Fourthly. For the Town to determine what they will do further about the act of the G. Court for Calling in the paper Currency & putting the same upon Interest.

Hereof fail not. and make Return of this Warrant to the Select men, by the Day appointed for s.d meeting.

By order of the Select men, James Barker Town Clerk

Southboro Decemb.r 22. 1777. I have warned the Inhabitants duly Qualified to Vote in town affairs to meet as Directed in the foregoing Warrant

Mark Collins Jn.r Constable for Southboro

Southboro December 22nd. 1777. The Town being met pursuant to the foregoing Warrant proceeded to act. viz.

First Chose Lt. Wm Collins Moderator for said meeting.

The Second article passed in the Negative

on the 3d art. Voted that the assessors shall go round & take the Invoice for this Year, and that in Consequence thereof the Town will make them Suitable Recompence for their Service in so doing.

The 4th art. passed over. Then voted to Dissolve the Meeting.

attest. Wm Collins Moderator.

Worcester ss. To mess.rs Samuel newton & mark Collins Junr.
Constables for Southboro ——— Greeting
You are hereby forthwith required, in the name of the Govt. of the
State of Massachusetts Bay to warn all the freeholders & other Inh-
-abitants of the Town of Southboro, in your respective Dstricts,
qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the meeting house
in said Town on friday the 9th Curt. at 11. o Clock. A.M. to act
on the following Artiles, viz.
Firstly to Chuse a Moderator for said meeting.
Secondly. For the town to assess themselves the whole or any part of
their quota of the paper Currency agreeable to a late act
of the G. Court for that purpose, or act thereon as they shall
think fit.
Thirdly. For the Town to hear the articles of Confederation made by
the Congress, & Give their Representative such instructions
relative to the same as they shall think proper.
Fourthly. For the Town to raise the price of wood for the rev.d Nathan
Stone, or vote to pay the wood-rate in Wood.
Fifthly. To see if the Town will make those men, who went to
Worthington with stores for the army any Consideration
for their service. Hereof fail not. and make return
of this warrent to the Select men by the Day appointed
for said meeting. Dated at Southboro. Jan. 2. a.d. 1778.
By order of the Select men
James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Southboro. Jan. 9. 1778. We have warned the qualified
voters in our respective Dstricts to meet at time & place as
directed in the forgoing Warrent. Samuel newton, Elijah Brigham
Constables for Southboro

Southboro jan. 9. 1778. The Town met pursuant to the foregoing warrent
and proceeded to act. viz.
First Chose Lt. Wm Collins Moderator for said Meeting.
The Second article paped over for the present.
On the third article — after reading the articles of Confederation
Voted, to chuse a Committee to take the same into Consideration
and report the next meeting. according ly Chose Lt Collins
James Parker. Mr. Champney, Lt. Brigham, Capt newton
Lt Smith, Jonas Ball, Solomon Newton, Ezra Taylor, Abner
Parker, John angier Capt. Fay, Nathan Bridges

On art. 4th } Voted to raise the price of Wood for the Rev. Nathan Stones Wood Rate to four Dollars per Cord, for this Year.

Then voted not to act on the 5th article. Then the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday next at 1 o'Clock at this place.

attest Wm Collins Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Tuesday 13. of Jan. 1778. The Town met pursuant to adjournment & proceeded to act viz.

On art 2nd. The Town voted to tax themselves six hundred pound, to be assessed to the poles & Estates rotable in Southboro, for the purpose of lessning the public Debt, agreeable to an act of the G. Court for that purpose.

Voted, That Lt. Wm Collins be an agent for the Town to receive the aforsaid six hundred pounds of the Constables when collected, & return it to the state treasurer, receive a Note of him for the said Sum, and keep the same in behalf of the Town

Then the Committee on the articles of Confederation, reported, & the same was accepted by the Town. The report it as follows viz.

Southboro. Jan. 12. 1778. The Committee appointed to consider the articles of Confederation have attended that Service, & beg leave to report as follows, viz. That the Committee having deliberately considered the aforsaid articles, are of the Opinion that the powers therein Delegated to Congress, ought to be confirmed to them by the assembly, excepting the 3. paragraph in the 6th art. & the whole of the 8th art. excepting the power therein left to the particular assemblies to lay & levy Taxes.

Wm Collins. pr Order

Then the meeting was Dissolved

attest Wm Collins Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Select men Feb. 16. 1778. having Examined the accounts of Jonas Ball Treasurer for Southborough we find he has been Chargable with one hundred Sixty five pounds thirteen shillings one penny three farthings; and that he has produced proper Vouchers shewing that he has paid one hundred fourteen ~~shillings~~ pounds, four shillings and five pence; and there now remains in said Balls hands fifty two pounds Eighteen shillings ten pence three farthings for which he is accountable to the Town, Exclusive of the assessment for the year 1777

Settlement with the Treasurer
A.D. 1778

William Collins
Seth Newton
Joshua Smith
Elijah Brigham
} Select men for Southboro.

Worcester ss To Mess.rs Samuel Newton and Mark Collins Jun.r Constables for Southboro or either of them — — Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Gov.t & People of the State of Massachusetts Bay, forthwith to warn all the Freeholders, & other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting House in s.d Town on monday the 2. Day of march next at 2 o'clock at noon to act on the following articles, viz.

First. To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting.
2. To Chuse Town Officers for the year Ensuing, as the Law Directs
3. To Chuse same persons to inspect the killing of Deer contrary to Law
4. To Chuse Grave Diggers. a Pound Keeper, & some person to Sweep the meeting House, & Lock and unlock the same.
5. To agree upon & Grant a sum of money to repair High Ways in said Town.
6. To agree upon and grant a sum of money to pay a Schoolmaster and other Town Debts.
7. To Chuse a Committee to hire a School-Master
8. To Consider and allow all Town Debts to those to whom the Town is justly indebted.
9. To Chuse a Committee to repair the Windows of the meeting house.
10. To Chuse a Committee to Seat the meeting House.
11. To See if the Town will procure any Wood for the Widow Deliverance Salter and how much

12. For the Town to Chuse some meet person for a Quinester
13. To see if the Town will give Liberty for such as are informing themselves in the Rules of Musick to set in 2d. and 3. seats in the front Gallery.
14. To see if the Town will Discontinue and Sell to the highest Bidder the Road leading from the Widow Sallies to Peter Brewers Gate, and act thereon as they shall think fit.
15. To see if the Town will tax themselves the remaining part of their Quota toward Liqoning the publick Debt by calling in the paper Currency, agreeable to an act of the G Court for that purpose.
16. To see if the Town will let their Swine run at large the Year Ensuing.
17. To see whether the Town will confine their Rams from runing at large such part of the Year as they shall think fit. Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant to the Select men by the Day appointed for said meeting. Dated at Southboro Feb.y 6. 1770.

By Ord.r of the Select Men, James Parker Town Clerk

Southboro. march 2nd. 1770. In Obedience to this Warrant I have warned the qualified voters in said Town, by posting a Copy thereof agreeable to a Vote of said Town
pr one Mark Collins Jun.r Constable for Southboro.

Southboro. March 2nd. 1770. The Town of Southboro. met pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, and proceed to act, viz.
First Chose Capt. Seth Newton Moderator.

on art. 2nd } Chose Lt. Wm Collins, Capt Seth Newton, Lt Joshua Smith, Lt Elijah Brigham, Ezra Taylor } Select men } Town Clerk James Parker

Town Treasurer Jonas Ball

Constables. Samuel Newton. who refused to serve and paid a fine of five pounds.
Jotham Bellows. 26.th Richards. and John Richards was accepted in his Room the 1.st Day.

Assessors. Asahel Moore. Lt. Joshua Smith, choosen the 16. Day.
Solomon Newton, Jonas Ball, Chosen the 16.th Day.

Surveyers of high Ways and Collecters of the money Granted to repair the Same. David Woods, who refused to serve & paid a fine of 20/ Joseph Witherbee, Elisha Johnson, Abel Chamberlin, John Billows chosen in the room of David Woods the 16. Day.

Tything men: Joseph Witherbee, maj. Champney, Capt. Brigham

Fence Viewers: Simon Joyer, John Angier

Field Driv.-ers: Mark Collins, Jos. Nath.l Fay. [illegible]

Samuel Horne was chosen Field Driver the 19.th Day.

Sealer of Leather: John Angier

Hog. Reever: Sam.l Horne, Jedadiah Parker, Joel Brewer, Amos Newton

on art 10.th: Choose a Committee of five to seat the Meeting house viz. Ashel Mathews, Capt. Nath.l Brigham, Moses Bruce, Abner Parker, & Isaac Johnson

The 18.th art. passed in the negative.

Then adjourned the meeting to monday next at 1 o Clock P. M. at this place

att. Seth Newton Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk.

Monday march 9.th 1770. The Town met according to adjournment and proceeded to act. viz. The Town being informed that Seth Newton, the moderator of this meeting, was unable to attend, they made Choice of Lt. Wm Collins for moderator for the remaining Buisness of said meeting.

On the 3.d art: Choose Elisha Fay and Daniel Johnson Deer Reeves on the 19.th Day Capt Nathan Brigham was chosen Deer Reef in the room of Daniel Johnson

On art 4.th: Choose for Grave Diggers Jonas Woods Benj.a Smith. For a pound-Keeper, Abner parker. To sweep the meeting House, and lock & unlock the same Choose Thomas Stone.

On art. 5.th: Voted that the price of Labour at the highways be 6/ pr Day from the 10.th of April to the 10.th of Sept.r and the rest of the Year 4/ per Day. Oxen 3/ pr Day, and a Cart 1/6 pr Day.

£90. to repair high Ways. } Then granted £90 to repair highways, to be assessed to the poles and Estates rateable in Southborough

on. art. 6th. £150. to pay a School-Master & other Town Debt. } Granted one hundred and fivety pounds to pay a School-Master and other Town Debts, to be assessed to the poles and Estates ratable in Southborough

The report of the Com.tee for Seating the meeting house was accepted

on the 7th art. Choose for a Committee to hire a Schoolmaster Elijah Brigham, Ezra Taylor, Nathan Bridges.

art. 8. Granted to Asahel moore ---------- £6:0:0
Granted Joseph Witherbee ---------- 2:10:0
Granted to Solomon Newton ---------- 3:2:0
Granted to Benj.a Parker ---------- 4:17:0
Granted to Abner Parker ---------- 1:10:0

£250. to pay for Soldiers Cloathing &c. } Then Granted two Hundred and fivety pounds to pay for the Cloathing for the Soldiers, and the extra Charges of the Families of the Soldiers, to be assessed to the poles and Estates ratable in Southborough, at the next assessment

on art. 9th } Choose for a Committee to repair the Windows of the meeting House, Capt. Nathan Brigham, Majr Champney

on the 11. art. Voted to procure five Cord of Wood for the Dis.t Deliverance Salter

on art. 12. Choose Jotham Bellows for a Choirester, During the Towns pleasure

The 14th & 15th articles passed in the negative.

on art. 16. Voted the Swine should run at Large the Year Ensuing

The 17. article passed in the negative.

Then voted to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday next at 2. Clock P. M. at this place

att. William Collins Moderator.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk.

Wednesday march 11th 1778. The Town met agreeable to adjournment, and proceeded to act. viz.

The Select men and Constable Chose David newton Sealer of Weights and measures.

Then the Town voted to accept of John Richards to serve as Constable in the room of Ebenr. Richards, upon Condition that the said John Richards shall serve as Constable for himself whenever the Town shall think it to be his Turn.

Then. Granted to Nathan Newton £11: 18. for Boarding and Cloathing Arba Amsden.

Then Voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday the 16th Instant at 2. o Clock P. M. at this place

att. William Collins Moderator.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Southborough march 16. 1778. The Town met according to adjournment. and proceeded to act viz.

David Woods having paid a fine of 20/ for not serving as Surveyer of High Ways, the same, together with the fine Samuel Newton paid for refuseing to serve Constable was put into the Treasury, being Six pounds in the Whole

£6: put into the Treasury.

Then granted to Aaron Amsden 10/.

Granted to Jonas Ball one pound four shillings for serving as Treasurer the Year past.

Then Chose John Bellows Surveyer of highways & Collecter of the money to repair the same, in the Room of David Woods,

Then granted to John Bellows two shillings and four pence on Condition that he cancels all his acct. against the Town.

Then voted to excuse Lt. Smith from serving as an assessor, & Chose Jonas Ball in his Room.

Then adjourned the meeting to thirsday the 19. Instant at 9. o Clock. A. M. at this place

att. William Collins Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Southboro. march 19. 1770 the Town being again met according to adjornment proceded to Let. viz.

Choose Capt. Brigham Deer Reef in the Room of Daniel Johnson

Choose Samuel Horne Field Driver in the Room of Nath.l Fay.

Then the Town Officers chosen at the foregoing Meetings (Joel Brewer, and maj.r Champney excepted) were Sworn to the faithful Discharge of their respective offices

Coram Joseph Baker Just.t Pacis.

Excepting also. Elisha Johnson, who was Sworn by Jon.a Ward. Just.t Pacis, on the 9.th Instant.

Then the meeting was, by vote Dissolved

att. William Collins moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

To mess.rs Jotham Bellows and John Richards Constables for Southboro. or either of them — — — — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Government of the State of Massachusetts Bay, forthwith to warn all those that are free and twenty one years of age within your respective Districts to assemble at the meeting House in Town on Friday the 27.th Curr.t at 1.o Clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz.

1. To chuse a moderator for said meeting.
2. For the Town to hear and consider a form of government for the State of massachusetts Bay; to approve or Disapprove of the same, or act thereon as they shall think fit when met.
3. For the Town to hear and Consider of a Letter from the Rev.d nathan Stone, and grant him some addition to his Sallery, or act thereon as they shall think fit when met.
4. For the Town to Chuse a Committee to meet a Committee from the Town of Westboro. and Framingham, in order to settle the Town line.
5. To see if the Town will cut up the two hired seats mens & Womens Side, below. and make them into pews for the accomodation of the Singers, or act thereon as they shall think fit.
6. For the Town to Lay the Burying place the Year Ensuing.

7. For the Town to hear and accept a Liſt of Juroꝛs to be laid before them. Herof fail not. and make due Return of this Warrant, with your Doings thereon, to the Select men at or before the Day appointed for said meeting. Dated at Southboro this 20th Day of march a.d. 1778.

William Collins, Seth Newton, Joshua Smith, Elijah Brigham, Ezra Taylor } Select men For Southboro-

Southboro march 27. 1778 I have warned the Qualified Voters in my District as Directed in the foregoing Warr-ant

per me John Richard Constable for South Borough

Southborough march 24. 1778 I have warned all the East Side of the Town to meet as directed in the foregoing Warrant.

Jotham Bellows Constable for Southboro-

Southborough march 27th 1778. The Town met pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to act as follows Viz:

First Choose Lt Elijah Brigham Modꝛator.

on art 2. The form of Government for this State, was read, and the Town made Choice of a Committee of Seven to consider the same and report the next meeting. viz. Capt Newton Lt. Smith, James Parker, Lt. Brigham, Jonas Ball, Ezra Taylor, Solomon Newton.

On art 3. Choose for a Committee to wait on mr Stone to know what addition to his Sallery will Satisfie him. viz. Capt Bellows, nathan Bridges, Lt. Collins; who after having waited on mr Stone, returned & Reported that £35. would make him easie.

Thereupon the Town voted & granted the Sum of 35. in addition to what is already granted for his present Year Sallery, to be assessed to the poles & Estates ꝛetable in Southboro. at the next assessment.

On art. 4. Choose for a Committee to meet a Committee from the Town of Westboro. & Framingham, to settle the Line from Stones Corner, between 3 Towns & this Town Viz: nathan Bridges. Capt. nathan Brigham, Ezra Taylor

On art. 5. Voted to cut up the two hind seats below, mens & Womens Side, and make them into pews for the accomodation of the Singers, During the Towns pleasure.

Then Choose for a Committee to see the same be done, Capt. Brigham, Ezra Taylor, Isaac Johnson.

Then voted,

Voted that the aforsaid Committee see that four pews be made equal in height to the other adjoining pews.

on art 6. Voted to let the Burying place to the highest Bidder; the occupant to keep up the fence & mow the Brush. Nathan Bridges bid 25/ he being the highest Bidder.

on art 7. accepted a List of Jurors and seperated one fourth part for the Superior Bose.

Then voted to adjourn the meeting to the second monday in may next at 1. o Clock. P. M. at this place

att. Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Monday may 11th 1778. The Town met pursuant to adjornment & proceed to act viz.

The Report of the Committee on the form of Government being read, it was moved and seconded to see if the Town would accept of the same; and it was accepted.

The Substance of the Report of said Committee was to Reject the whole for Reasons therein Given.

The number voting for the Constitution was. Eight.

The number voting against said Constitution was fifty two.

Then the meeting was by Vote Dissolved.

att. Elijah. Brigham Moderator.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To mess^rs Jotham Bellows and John Richards Constables for Southboro or either of them ——greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Government of the State of Massachusetts Bay. forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants in your respective Districts, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting House in s^d Town on Wednesday the 6^th Instant at 3 o'Clock. P.M. to act on the following articles, viz.

1. To Chuse a moderator for said meeting.
2. For the Town to hear & consider of Sundry orders sent to the militia officers of said Town, by the general Court of this State, for Raising Recruits for the Continental army, and act thereon as they shall think fit when met.
3. To see if the Town will have the Town meetings for the year ensuing, warned by putting a Copy of the warrant by the Constables. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon, to the Clerk at or by the Day appointed for s^d meeting. Dated at Southboro this forth Day of may. a^d. 1778.

Wm Collins
Joshua Smith
Elijah Brigham
Ezra Taylor
} Select men for Southboro

May 6. 1778. I have warned the qualified Voters in my District to meet at the time and place Directed in the foregoing Warrant

Jotham Bellows Constable for Southboro

May 6. 1778. I have fully executed the foregoing Warrant

John Richard Constable for Southboro

Recorded by James Barton Town Clerk

Southboro. may 6. 1776. The Town met pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to act. as follows viz.

First Chose Lt. Wm. Collins moderator for said meeting.

The 2nd art was passed over for the present.

The 3. art. passed in the negative.

Then voted to adjourn the meeting to monday next at three oClock P. M. at this place.

att. Wm Collins Moderatr

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk.

Monday may 11th 1776. The Town met according to Adjournment and proceeded to act, viz.

on art. 2nd } Voted that the militia officers be Directed to hire the men to compleat our Quota of the continental army.

Voted that said officers be Directed to promise the men that shall engage in the aforsaid service ten pounds pr. month. in addition to their continental pay.

Voted that said officers promise Eight pounds pr. month to the four men Detailed to Peek's Hill in addition to their Continental pay.

Then Voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday. the 18th instant. at 4 oClock P. M. at this place

att. Wm Collins Moderatr

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

May 18. 1778. The Town met according to adjournment and Proceeded to act viz.

on the 2nd art. Choose a Committee of three to assist the officers in hiring the continental ~~officers~~ men. viz. Mr Champney. who was excused. Daniel Johnson, Nathan Bridges, Jonas Bell.

Voted that the additional Wages granted at the last meeting. to such as shall engage in the continental Service, be considered as a Bounty, and to continue only while they are in the Service.

Then the meeting was by Vote Dissolved

att. Wm Collins Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To mess. Jotham Bellows & John Richards Constables for Southboro or either of them Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Govt. of the State of massachusetts Bay. forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants in your respective Districts, qualified by Law to vote for a Representative to assemble at the meeting House in said Town on monday the 18th Day of may Instant at 3 o Clock. P. M. to act on the following arts.

Viz. 1. First to chuse a Representative to serve in the Great and General Court of this State the ensuing Year, and act thereon as the Town shall think fit.

2. To Chuse a moderator for the Remaining Business of said meeting.

3. For the Town to order that the Singers should occupy the Pews lately built for their use, or Dispose of them by Sale, or act thereon as they shall think fit.

4. For the Town to allow Town Debts to those to whom the Town is Justly indebted.

5. For the Town to Accept the Rates of Gideon newton Junr as set in Constable Brighams List of Assessment for the Year 1778

6. To see if the Town will in the low state of our Rev.d Pastor, hire preaching. or act thereon as they shall think fit. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon at or before the Day appointed for said meeting.

Dated at Southboro this 8th Day of may a.d. 1778 ——

Wm Collins
Joshua Smith
Elijah Brigham
Ezra Taylor
} Select men for Southboro

Southboro. may 10th 1778. I have warned the qualified voters in my District as Directed in the foregoing Warrant.

Jotham Bellows Constable for Southboro

may 10. 1778 I have fully executed the foregoing Warrant

John Richards Constable for Southboro

May 18. 1778. The Town met pursuant to the foregoing Warrand and proceded to act. viz.

first voted to Send a Representative. Then the Town made Choice of three persons Successively, who all refused the Trust.

Then the Town voted to reconsider their former vote for Sending a Representative.

Then the Town made Choice of maj.r Jon.a Champney for moderator for said meeting. — — — — — — — — — —

on art 3. Granted to the Committe for making 4 pews in the meeting House £37: 8: 3. also Granted to Wm Collins for Sundries as set forth in his act. £1: 14: 0. — — — — — — — — —

on art 4. Voted that the Singers Shall have the four pews lately built to Set in During the Towns pleasure

Then Chose a Committee to Dignifie and Seat said Pews Namely Jonas Ball, James Parker, Elijah Bellows — — — — —

on art. 5th voted to abate the Rates of Gideon newton Jun.r as Set in Constable Brigham's List. a.d. 1776. — — — — — — —

The 6th art. posed in the negative — — — — — — —

Then voted to Dissolve the meeting.

att Jon.a Champney Moderat.r —

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To mesrs Jotham Bellows and John Richards Constables for Southborough, or either of them — Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Government & People of the State of Massachusetts Bay, forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs, in your respective Districts, to meet at the meeting House in Southborough on monday the 8th of June Curt. at 4 o'Clock P. M. to act on the following articles. viz.
First to chuse a moderator for said meeting.
Secondly. For the Town to bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.
Thirdly. For the Town to impower the militia officers and Committee lately chosen to hire men into the continental army, to borrow money on the Credit of the Town, and Give them such further Instructions, as they shall see fit. Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon by the Day appointed for said meeting. Dated at Southboro this 5th Day of June a.d. 1778...

Joshua Smith, Elijah Brigham, Ezra Taylor } Select men For Southboro

June 8th 1778. I have fully executed the foregoing Warrant
John Richards, Constable for Southboro

June 8th 1778. I have warned my District to meet at time & place as Directed in the foregoing Warrant
Jotham Bellows, Constable for Southboro

June 8. 1778. The Town met pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to act as follows. viz.
First chose maj. Jon.a Champney moderator
Then the votes for a County Treasurer being called for & brought in, there were thirty four for Nathan Perry.
on art. 3. voted that the militia officers and Committee lately chosen to assist them in ~~hiring~~ hiring men into the continental Service, should borrow a Sufficient Sum of money, on the Credit of the Town, to hire two men to compleat our Quota of the Continental army, agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court. Dated April. 20. 1778.
Then voted to Dissolve the meeting
att. Jon.a Champney Moderator

Recorded by James Parker, Town Clerk

To mess^rs Jotham Bellows & John Richards Constables for Southborough — — — — — Greeting — — —

In the name ~~of the Government~~ of the people & Government of the State of Massachusetts Bay, you are hereby forthwith required to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro. quallified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting House in said Town on Wensday the 2^nd Day of Sept^r next at 1 o Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

First to chuse a moderator for s^d meeting.

Secondly. To grant the Rev^d Nathan Stone his Sallery for his service in the ministry this present year ending June 8^th a.d. 1779.

Thirdly. To allow all Town Debts to those to whom the Town is justly indebted, and grant money to pay the same.

Fourthly. For the Town to abate the state of Nicholas Hopping, in a List of assessment committed to mark Collins Esq^r a.d. 1777 and also to abate the state of Jonas Hayden in Constable Bellows state for the present year. Hereof fail not. and make Return of this Warrint to the Select men by the time appointed for said meeting. Dated at Southboro. this 18^th Day of Aug^t a.d. 1778.

Wm Collins. Seth Newton Joshua Smith Elijah Brigham Ezra Taylor } Select men For Southboro

Sept^r 2^nd 1778. I have fully Executed the foregoing Warrent. John Richards Constable for Southboro

Sept. 2. 1778. I have warned the Quallified Voters in my District to assemble as the foregoing Warrent Direct.

Jotham Bellows. Constable.

Septr. 2. 1778. The Town met pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to act viz.

First. Chose Lt. Wm Collins moderator

on art 2nd } Granted one hundred and twenty pounds to the Revd. Nathan Stone for his present Years Sallery, ending June 8th a.d. 1779. to be assessed to the poles and Estates ratable in Southborough.

on art 3. } Granted the Select men, for necessaries for the Soldiers 70: 7: 4. ——— £70: 7: 4.

Granted Joshua Smith and others, for the hire of Soldiers £500. ——— 500: 0: 0.

Granted Wm Collins and others £11: 13: 0 ——— 11: 13: 0

Granted Nathan Bridges & others ——— 13: 7: 8.

Granted Joshua Smith £8: 16. 0 ——— 8: 16: 0

Granted Daniel Johnson £8: 8: 0 ——— 3: 3: 0

Then Granted Six hundred sixty three pounds Seventeen shilling to pay Town Debts to be assessed to the poles and Estates ratable in Southboro.

on art 4th } abated the Rates of Nicholas Hopping in Constable Collins Rates a.d. 1778.

Then voted to dissolve the meeting.

att. Wm Collins Moderator.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

To Messrs Jotham Bellows & John Richards Constables for Southborough ——— Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Govt. & people of the State of Massachusetts Bay forthwith to warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro in Your respective Districts qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 21 Day of December at 1 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

First to Chuse a moderator for said Meeting

2. For the Town to hear the Request of the Rev. Nathan Stone relative to his Salery & Wood: and for the Town to act thereon as they shall think fit when met.
3. For the Town to determine what they will do relative to repaying the Towns of Westboro. & Grafton the Bounty they Gave Nath[n] Champney & Levi Dunton
4. For the Town to abate the Rates of Walter Howe as set to Maj[r] Champney in John Richards Lift a.d. 1778.
5. For the Town to abate the Rate set to Nicholas Hoppin in John Richards lift a.d. 1778.
6. For the Town to hear what Peter Brewer has to say relative to Settling the line from Stones Corner to Sudbury River so called.
7. For the Town to allow the accounts of the Committee raised by the Town to mend the meeting House Windows.

Hereof fail not. & make return of this Warrent to the Select men, at or before the Day appointed for said Meeting. Dated at Southboro. this 30th Day of Nov[r] a.d 1778 By order of the Select men,

James Parker Town Clerk

December 21. 1778. I have warned all in my District to meet at Time & place as this Warrent Directs

Jotham Bellows Const. for Southbo

December 19. 1778. I have fully Executed the foregoing Warr[t].

John Richards Const. for Southboro

December 21. 1778. The Town of Southboro. met pursuant to the foregoing Warrent and proceeded to act viz:

1rst Choose Lt Elijah Brigham Moderator

on the 2nd art } Choose a Committee of five to confer with the Rev Nathan Stone relative to his Salery & Wood. viz. Lt Wm Collins, Peter Brewer, James Parker Jonas Ball & Maj[r] Champney. After the aforsaid Committee had waited on m[r] Stone, & returned, they reported that m[r] Stone would be Content with £300.

Then the Town voted & Granted one hundred & Eighty pounds to the Rev. Nathan Stone in addition to his present

years

year Sallery Ending June 8th a.d 1779. to be apesed to the Poles & Estates ratable in Southboro

on the 3. art } The Matter of Nathan Champney and Levi Dunton paped in the negative.

The 4th art. was paped over.

The 5th art. paped in the Negative. The 6th article paped over

The 7th article paped over. Then voted to dissolve the meeting

att. Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selict men of Southboro. Feb 17 10th 1779. Having Examined the accounts of Jonas Ball Treasurer for Southborough we find he has been Chargable with twelve hundred forty Eight pounds nineteen Shillings, Six pence, three farthings, and that he has produced proper Vouchers Shewing that he has paid twelve hundred, twenty Seven pounds ~~to~~ one Shilling one penny two farthings ~~for which he is accountable~~ and there remains in said Balls Hands twenty one pounds Eighteen Shillings, five pence, one farthing for which he is accountable to the Town, exclusive of the Grant of three hundred pounds for the Rev. Mr. Stones Sallery a.d. 1778. and one hundred & fifty pound Granted to pay Town Debts Granted in the same Year.

Seth Norton
Thos Smith
Elijah Brigham
Ezra Taylor
} Selict men for South Borough

N.B. the foregoing settlement with the Treasurer being found Erroneous, it was revised, and the following made in its Room.

At a meeting of the Select men of Southborough Feb.y 16. 1779. having Examined the acc.ts of Jonas Ball Treasurer for Southborough, we find he has been chargable with thirteen hundred forty four pound thirteen shillings two pence three farthings; and that he has produced Vouchers to the amount of twelve hundred & ten pounds Seven shillings one penny two farthings; and there now remains in said Treasurers hand one hundred thirty four pounds Six shillings, one peny, one farthing for which he is accountable to the Town, exclusive of the assessments of £300. for the Rev.d mr Stone Salary, & £150 to pay Town Debts, granted a.d. 1778.

Seth Newton, Joshua Smith, Elijah Boigham, Ezra Taylor } Select men For Southboro

To Mess.rs Jotham Bellows & John Richards Constables for Southborough or Either of them ——— Greeting ———

You are hereby required in the name of the Goverment and people of the Massachusetts Bay, forth with to warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the town of Southboro qualified to Vote in town affairs to Assemble att the meeting house in s.d Town on Monday the first day of March Next att 12.0 Clock att noon to act on the following articles ——— Viz ———

1. First to Choose a Moderator for said meeting
2. 2o. Chuse Town officers for the Year Ensuing as the law directs
3. 3. To Chuse Some persons to inspect the killing of Deer acording to law
4. 4. To Chuse Grave Diggers, a Pound keeper, and Some person to Sweep Clean & unlock the Meeting House
5. 5. To agree upon & Grant a Sum of Money to rep air high Ways in said Town —
6. 6. To agree upon & Grant a Sum of money to pay a School master & other Town Debts
7. 7. To consider and allow all Town Debt to thos to whom the Town is Justly indebted
8. 8. To Chuse a Committee to hire a School master for the year Ensuing
9. 9. To Chuse a Committee to Squadron out the School for the Town to all to account the Committee which shall
10. 10 the line from Stones Corner to Sudbury River and act further upon the Same as the Town Shall think fit when met

Town Over

11. For the Town to Rate the Rates Set to David Sanford in John Richards list of assesment a.d. 1778

12. To See if the Town will abate the Rates Set to James Dix in Jotham Bellows list of assesment a.d. 1778 and also the Rates Set to Simeon Harry in John Richard list a.d. 1778

13. To See if the Town will Grant to the Proprietors of the Pew in the front Gallery the hind Seat mens & Womens Side in Said Gallery to Enlarge Sd Pew the obliging themselves to fill & keep the Same full—

14. To See if the Town will make Sale of the Pews that the Singers now occupye or Chuse a Committee to Seat the Same or act thereon as they Shall think fit—

15. For the Town to Chuse a Committee to Set out a Certain Number of Shadeing Trees near the meeting House—

16. To See if the Town will let there Swine run at large the year Ensuing

17. To See if the Town will vote to Sing in Publick Devotion on the Sabbath Tate & Bradyes Version of the Psalms together with Docr Watts Hymns, and act thereon as they Shall think fit—

18. For the Town to let the Burying Place the Ensuing year

19. To See if the Town will purchase a Number of Tickets in the State Lottery at the Risque of the Town

Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant to the Selectmen at or before the Day appointed for Sd meeting Dated at Southborough the 16th Day of Feby. a.d. 1779

By order of the Selectmen James Parker Town Clerk

March 1. 1779 I have executed the foregoing Warrant by Posting a Copy of the Same according to a Vote of the Town

John Richards Constable for Southboro

Southborough March 1st 1779 The Town met Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to act as follows viz

First Chose Lt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Town Clerk Lt Joshua Smith

Town Treasurer Jonas Ball

Constables Ezekl Newton

Constable the Majr Jonn Champney declined

Solomon Newton

Joshua Smith declined by Vote

Assessors Lt Joshua Smith, Ezra Taylor, Jonas Ball

Majr Jonn Champney, Capt Elijah Bellows, Jotham Bridges, Jonas Ball, Nahil More — for Selectmen

on the Grand Jury

Tything men James Bellows
Lt Wm Onthank
Capt Nathan Brigham

Field Drivers Joseph Tuttle
Heman Fay

Surveyers of high Way & Collectors of the money to repair the Same
Saml Horne
Amos Newton Jr
Aaron Fay
Nath Fay

Sealer of Leather John Aspier

Fence Viewers Joah Newton
Joseph Onthank

Hog Reeves Jona Ball
Joel Brewer
Ephraim Amsden
Elisha Johnson

on the 3 art Chose Elisha Fay & Zaccheus Witherbee

on the 4th art Chose Jonas Woods Benja Smith Grave Diggers
a Pound keeper Lt Joshua Smith

To Sweep Lock & unlock the Meeting house Chose Thomas Stone

Then Voted to adjourn the meeting to Thursday next at 1 of at one o Clock P.M. att this place

att Elijah Brigham Moderator
Town Clerk

Recorded by Joshua Smith

Thursday March 4th 1779 the Town being met pursuant to the adjournment and proceeded to act viz

on the 5 art Voted that the price of Labor at the high ways for this year be 2/ per day from the 10th of April to the 10th of Sept & the rest of the Year 18/ per Day
Then Granted the Sum of £400. to repair high ways in this Town to be Assessed to the Poles & Estates Ratable in Southboro

on the 6 art Granted the Sum of £400. to pay a Schoolmaster & other Town Debts to be Assessed to the Poles & Estates Ratable in Southboro

on the 7 art Granted Nathan Brigham Esq & Jona Champney £ 7u 4u 0
Granted Benja Parker — — — — 0u 18u 0
Granted the Select men — — — — — 31u 16u 4u ½
Granted Jonas Ball — — — — 29u 5: 0 —

Granted Salomon Newton — £ 17 u 12 u 0
Granted Ajahel More — 27 u 3 u 9
Granted Joshua Smith — 2 u 5 u 0
Granted Thomas Stone — — — 4 u 10 u 0

Then the meeting was adjourned to monday next at one o Clock P.M. to meet at this place

Att Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

March 8th 1779 the Town met pursuant to adjournment and proceeded to act as follows viz

on the 7 art Granted Robert Fay — — — — — £ 8 u 5 u 0
Granted Nathan Newton — — — — — — 15 u 12 u 0

on the 8 art Chose for a Committe to hire a Schoolmaster Nathan Bridges Mark Collins Jur & Capt Nathan Brigham

on the 9 art Chose for a Committe to Squadron outt the School Salomon Newton Capt Brigham majr Champney Nathan Bridges & David Newton —

on the 10 art This art passed in the negative

on the 11 art abated the rates of David Dunton in John Richards list a.d: 1778 being three pound nine Shillihy & two pence £ 3: 9: 2

on the 12 art the matter of James Dix passed in the Negative — abated the Rate of Simeon Harry in John Richards List a.d. 1778 - being Three Pound nineteen Shilling £ 3: 19 -

on art 13 Granted to the proprietors of the front Pew the hind Seat mens & womens Side they obliging themselves to fill & keep the same full

on the 14 art Voted not to Sell the Pews the Singers now occupy
Voted to Chuse a Committe to Seat the Pews Chose James Parker Nathan Bridges Lt Smith Jothatn Bellows & Abner Parker

On the 15 art Excused majr Champney from Serving as Constable & accepted Richard Barnes to Serve in his room he the majr being answerable to the Town for the Assessment that Shall be committed to R. Barnes as Constable to Collect

Then Excused Majr Champney from Serving as Select man
Then Chose Lt Wm Pathank Select man
Then Voted to Excuse Capt Bellows from Serving Select man
Then Voted to Excuse Nathan Bridges from Serving Select man
Then Voted to add two to the five to serve as Select men the year ensuing
Then Chose Mark Collins Lt Fay Capt Brigham and Ezra Newton Select men

Then upon Motion made & Seconded Voted to reconsider all & every Vote for the Choice of Select men both att this meeting and mon day last and proceed to a new Choice of five Select men and that the Select men shall be paid com mun Day wages for their Extraordinary Service the Year Ensuing

Then Chose Capt Seth Newton Lt Joshua Smith Lt Elijah Brigham Ezra Taylor & Jonah Ball for Select men

Ezra Newton refused to Serve as Constable & paid a fine of £ 15:0.
Amos Newton Jun. refused to Serve as high way Surveyor and paid a fine of three Pound £ 3:0—

Then Chose Simon Fowzer Surveyor of High ways

att this meeting Ezekiel Collins was accepted to Serve as a high way Surveyor in the room of Nathan Fay

att the Same meeting the Town Voted their thanks to Lt Will.m Collins for his past good Service for & in behalf of the Town

on the 15 art } Voted to Chuse a Committee to Set out a Number of Shading Trees near the meeting house — accordingly Chose Robert Fay Nathan Bridges Nathan Brigham Capt Bellows Lt Smith

on 16 art } Voted the Swine Should run at Large the Year Ensuing

on the 17 art } Voted to Sing in Publick Devotion on the Subbath Tate & Hadyes Version of the Psalms together with Doct Watts Hymns

on 18 art } Voted to lease the Burying place the Year Ensuing to the highest bidder Jon.a Ball for 56/ buried that highest Sum £ 2:16:

Then Eased Simon Fowzer from Serving as Surveyor of high ways and Chose Reuben Fay in his room Ezra Newton took back the fine he Payed at the last meeting for not Serving as Constable & hired Ajahel Moore to Serve in his room of whom the Town accepted

on the 19 art } this art Passed in the Negative

Then Voted to Excuse Joseph Onthank from Serving fence Viewer & Chose Simon Fowzer to Serve in his room

Voted to Excuse Reuben Fay from Serving as Surveyor of high ways and Chose Elijah Newton in his room

Voted that the Select men Shall Transfer the Town books and papers from James Parker to Lt Joshua Smith

The Select men with a Constable appointed David Newton Sealer of Weights & measures who adopted & was Sworn accordingly

Joshua Smith — John Artyer — Jacob Wheelock — Josiah Newton — Ajahel Moore — Richard Barnes — James Bellows — Ezekiel Collins — Joseph Tuttle — Joel Brewer — Heman Fay & Elijah Newton were Sworn Before Jon.a Ward Just. Pacis

Solomon Newton Jonas Ball Ezra Taylor
Samuel Horne Jonas Ball Simon Fowzer Wm Onthank
and Nathan Brigham Jur
The above Town offecers were Sworn by Ezra Whitney Just Peace
Then Voted to dissolve the meeting
attest Elijah Brigham Moderator
Recevved by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Messrs Ajahel More or Richard Barns or
either of them Constables for Southborough Greeting —

You are hereby forthwith Requir'd in the Name of the Goverment & People of the Massachusets Bay to warn all the freholders and other Inhabilants in your Respective Districts qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble at the meeting house in Southboro on Friday the 16th of this Instant April at ten a Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz —

First to Chuse a Moderator for Sd meeting

2ly as the Genl Assembly of this State have laid a fine of Six Hundred Pound the Town of Southborough for the Town to Chuse Some ~~Man~~ Agent or Agents with Such Instructions as the Town se fit to give them to go to the Genl Assembly to See what the fine is Laid on us for and Endeavor to get the Same taken of or Pass any Vote or Votes Relative to the Same

3ly For the Town to Chuse a Committe for to Provide for the Familys of the Soldiers in the Continental Army or pass any Vote or Votes Relative to the Same as they think fit when met

Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant to the Selectmen att or before the time appointed for Sd meeting

Dated att Southborough
this 12th day of April 1779

Seth Newton
Joshua Smith
Elijah Brigham
Ezra Taylor
Jonas Ball

} Selectmen for Southboro

Worcester ss April 16th 1779 In Obedience to this Warrant I have Executed the Same as is within Directed
Ajahel More Constable for Southboro

Worcester ss April 16th 1779
I have warned the freholders & other Inhabitants as within Directed to appear att time and place within Mentioned
Richard Barns Constable for Southboro

Southborough April 16th 1779

The Town being met Agreable to the foregoing warrant proceeded to act as followeth viz-

First Chose Lt Elijah Brigham moderator

on art 2 Voted to act on 2d article
Voted to Chuse an Agent by hand vote
Then Chose Docr James Parker Agent for the Town
Then Chose Capt Seth Newton another Agent

Voted that Docr James Parker & Capt Seth Newton Agents for the Town of Southborough either of them have full Power to act for & in behalf of the Town to carry their Agency to final Issue either by Petitioning the Gen. Assembly for taken off the fine of Six Hundred Pound set in the last Tax Bill or any other way they may find Necessary and make return of their Agency to the assessors as soon as may be & to the Town att May meeting -

on art 3 Voted to act on the article
Voted to Chuse a Committe of three
for Committe Chose David Wood, Excused by Vote
Asahel Mathews
Willm Onthank
Peter Brewer

Then Voted to Dissolve the meeting

Elijah Brigham Moderator
attt Josiah Smith Town Clerk

Recorded by Joshua

Worcester ss To Messrs Asahel More & John Richards Constables for Southborough Greeting

In the name of the Government and People of the State of the Massachusetts Bay you are Required forthwith to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants within your respective Districts qualified to Vote for a Representative to meet at the meeting house in Said Town on Thursday the Twentieth day of may Current att one of the Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles viz

1st To Chuse some Person to represent them in the great and
Gen Court to be held att Boston on the last Wednesday of may
Current or act thereon as they think fit when met — — —

2ly To Chuse a Moderator for the remaining work of the meeting

3ly Whether they Chuse att this time to have a new Constitution
or form of Government made — — — — — — — — —

4ly Whether they will Impower their Representative for the next
year to Vote for Calling a State Convention for the Sole
purpose of forming a new Constitution — — — — — — —

5ly For the Town to Determine by Vote whether they will
repay the Town of Grafton the Bounty they Gave Levied
or act theron as they think fit when met — — — — — —

6ly To hear & allow the accounts of the Agents chosen by the Town
& act the fine taken of said on them by the Gen. Assembly

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings
thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the time Appointed
for s.d meeting —
Given under our hands att Southborough the 13 day of
May a.d. 1779.

Seth Newton
Elijah Brigham
Ezra Taylor
Jonas Ball
} Selectmen for Southboro.

Worcester ss May 20.th 1779
In Obedience to this Warrant I have fully Executed the Same
as is within Directed
Abiel More Constable for Southboro

Worcester ss Southboro. May 20.th 1779
In Obedience to this Warrant I have warned all the freeholders
& other Inhabitants qualified to Vote for a Representative to
meet att time & place as directed in this Warrant
Richard Barnes Constable for Southboro

Southborough May 20.th 1779 The Town being met
agreeable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as
followeth viz
Voted to Send a Representative the ensuing year
Then made Chose of Capt. Seth Newton for there
Representative

on art 2 Chose Lt Elijah Brigham moderator

on art 3 Seventy one Voters being present Voted Unanamouly for a new Constitution of Government

on art 4 Voted to give Instructions to the Represantative to call a State Convention for the Sole purpose of forming a new Constitution

Then Voted to Chuse a Committe to draw Instructions for the Representative

Voted P. Committe Consist of three

for Committe Chose Nathan Bridges, Doc. James Parker & Joshua Smith

on art 5 Voted to repay to the Town of Grafton the Bounty they gave Levi Dunton — —

on art 6 Voted to Seth Newton & James Parker Agents for The Town — — — £50 15 0

Then Voted to Adjourn the meeting till Monday next att 6 O Clock P.M.

attest Elijah Brigham Moderator
Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southboro May 4th 1779 The Town being mut according to adjournment proceeded as follow'th viz.

the above Committe laid the following Instruction before the Town —

To Capt. Seth. Newton

Sir We your Constituents, confiding in your Wisdom & integrity, have chosen you, to represent us in the Gen.l Court the year insuing and as we are directed by P. Court, to determine whether we Chuse, att this time to have a new form of Government, which we have Answered in the Affermative; & also whether we will Impower our Representative to call a State Convention for the purpose aforesaid, we by leave to lay before you the following Instructions, as the rule of your Conduct, in the aforesaid matter —

That you Vote to call a State Convention upon the following Conditions —

First that no Member of the Council or house Shall be a member of P. Convention

2dly That the members of Each County Shall Seperately chuse a certain Number of there own County in proportion to the Inhabitants and Extent of P. County —

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3ly That the Convention when formed shall precede the new form of Goverment by a Declaration or Bill of Right Exhibiting the Liberties of the Governed & the power of Rulers. —

4ly That the house of Representatives Shall Recommend to Sd Convention that they adopt our former Constitution so far as Shall be Consistant with our State of Independance as they in their Wisdom Shall think fit; and also that the Convention Set in Some Inland County as may best accommodate the whole.

The above Instructions being read Several times The Town Unanamously Voted them to Capt Seth Newton Representative the Ensuing year

Then Voted to Dissolve the meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorde by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Messrs Ithabel More & Richard Barnes or either of them Constables for Southborough Greeting

In the Name of the Government and People of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants in your respective districts qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble at the meeting house in Southborough on Friday the 2d day of July next at 3: P. Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles. viz.

First to Chuse a Moderator for Sd meeting

2ly } Of the Town to here the Petition of Samuel Hudson } pass any
} Vote or Votes upon the Same as they think fit when read

3ly } For the Town to agree upon & grant a Sum of money to pay
} Town debts to whom the Town is Justly Indebted —

4ly } as a dispute has arise about the Road & Town line from Sd
} Newtons Bridge So Called to the Farm line for the Town to Chuse
} a Committe to meet a Committe from Marlborough to Settle the
} Same & make Proper Monuments to Sd line & Establish the Same
} and pass any Vote or Votes Relative to the Same.

5ly } as the Genl Assembly of this State have Called upon the
} Militia Officers of this Town for four Continental men & when
} they Suppose we have got our full Quota & Six over whereby Sd
} Officers become Liable in large fines for the Town to Indemnify
} Sd Officers in not raising the men or pass any Vote or Votes
} Relative to the Same

6ly } For the Town to Chuse a Committe to act in Conjuction
} with the Assessors in revising & amending the last Invoice
} or Valuation or pass any Vote or Votes Relative to the Same

7th } For the Town to abate the rates set to Charles Bellows in a List of Assessment comm.d to Asahel More A.D. 1779 also the Rates set to Samuel Phillips in a List of Assessment Committed to Richard Barnes A.D. 1779

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon att or before the time appointed for said meeting

Dated att Southborough this 29 day of June A.D. 1779

by order of the Select men Joshua Smith } S.B.

Worcester ss Southboro July 2d 1779

In Obedience to this warrant I have fully Executed the direction of the same as with in directed

Richard Barnes Constable for Southborough

July 2d 1779

In Obedience to this Warrant I have warned the qualified Voters belonging to my District as is with in directed

Asahel More Constable for Southborough

Southborough July 2d 1779 The Town being met agreable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as follows 1st A.D. 1779

first Chose Capt Seth Newton Moderator

on ar 2 } Voted to Chuse a Committe of three Persons to take care of Sam.l Hudsons & to go to Capt More his wifes father to see what he would do for the Support of them & provide for them at present according to their Discretion

for Committee Chose { Jno Johnson / Absalom Ward / Lieut John Fay

Voted that said Committe be Improved to move Sam.l Hudson to the work house if they think it best

on ar 3 } Voted to pass over the 3 article for the present

on ar 4 } Voted to Chuse a Committe of three persons to meet a Committe from Marlboro to settle the Line from Joshua Newtons Bridge So Called to the Farm Line & make Proper Monuments, and Establish the Roads and make Return to the Town what they may be Voted

for Committe Chose { Joshua Smith / Jonas Ball / Nathan Bridges

on ar 5 } Voted to Indemnifie the Officers in not raising the men now Required by the Genl Court

on ar 6 } Voted to Chuse a Committe A Committe to Consist of three

Voted to Reconsider the Votes for Chusing a Committe

Voted that the Assessors rectifie the Invoices & where persons were Over rated they give Orders on the Treasurer for the same

on ar 7 } Voted to abate the Rates of Charles Bellows in Asahel More List £ 3 11 11 the Rates of Sam.l Phillips proposed in the Negative Then Voted to Dissolve the meeting

Seth Newton Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Messrs Ajahel More or Richard Barnes or Either of them Constables for South borough - Greeting

You are hereby forthwith Required in the name of the Government & people of the Massachusetts Bay to warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants in your Respective District qualified by Law to Vote for a Representative to assemble at the meeting house in South borough on Monday the 2d day of Augt next at 3 o Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles - viz -

First To Chuse a Moderator for Said meeting

2ly For the Town to hear the Proceedings of the State Convention which met at Concord July 14th for the Town to approve or disapprove of the Same & for the Town to chuse some person or Persons to meet a State Convention again in Oct. or pass any Vote or Votes relative to the Same as they think fit when met

3ly For the Town to Chuse a delegate or delegates to Set in a State Congention for the Sole purpose of forming a new Constitution or form of Government or pass any Vote or Votes Relative to the Same -

4ly For the Town to hear the Report of the Committe for Setting the Town Line & Setting the high way from Joshua Newton's Bridge so Called to the Farm line & Except of the Same or act therein as they think fit -

Hereof fail not & make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen att or before the time appointed for holding Said meeting

Dated att South boro. this 27 day of July 1779

by order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith T. Clk

Worcester ss Augt 2d 1779

The within warrant hath been fully Executed by me

Ajahel More Constable for South boro

Worcester ss Augt 2d 1779

In Obedience have warnd all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants in my District qualified by law to Vote for a Representative to meet att time & place as directed within this Warrant

Richard Barnes Constable for South boro

South borough Augt 2d 1779 The Town being met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as followeth viz -

1st Chose Lt Elijah Brigham Moderator

the Remainder on the next page

on ar. 2d. Voted to and Excepted of what the Convention had done by a Large Majority of Votes
Then Voted to Chuse a member for the next Convention by written Votes
Then Chose Joshua Smith

on ar. 3 passed over by Illegallity in the warrant

on ar. 3 passed in the Negative
Then Voted to Dissolve the meeting
Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss
To Messrs Asahel More & Richard Barnes or Either of them
Constables for Southborough — Greeting
You are hereby forthwith Required In the Name of the Government
& People of the Massachusetts Bay to warn all that are
Free & Twenty one Years of Age in your Respective Districts
to Assemble at the meeting house in Southborough on Tuesday
the 7th Current at 5 O Clock P. M. to act on the following
articles viz —
First to Chuse a Moderator for s.d meeting
2d For the Town to Chuse Some person or persons as Delagates
to meet in a State Convention to meet at Cambridge the
first day of Sept. next for the Sole purpose of forming a new
Constitution or form of Government — — —
hereof fail not & make due return of this Warrant with your
doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed
for holding said meeting
Dated at Southborough this
2d day of Augt a.d. 1779
by order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith S. Clerk

Worcester ss Augt 7th 1779
This Warrant hath been fully Executed by me as is within directed
Asahel More Constable for Southboro

Worcester ss Augt 7th 1779.
In Obediance to the within warrant I have warned all that
are free & Twenty one Years of age to meet at time & place
as directed within this Warrant
Richard Barnes Constable for Southborough

Proceeding on this Warrant on the next Page

Southborough Augt 17th 1779

The Town being meet Agreable to the foregoing Warrant Proceed to act as followeth - viz -

First Chose Majr Champney Moderator

on art 2d Voted to send one delegate to the State Convention Then Chose Dor James Parker who Excused himself Then the Votes were call. for again and Dor James Parker was Chosen & Excepted

Then Voted to dissolve the meeting

attest Jona Champney Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Messrs Asahel More & Richard Barnes or Either of them Constables for Southborough — Greeting

You are hereby forthwith Required in the Name of the Goverment and People of the Massachusetts Bay to warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants in your Respective Destricts Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting House in Southborough on Wednesday the 8th of Septr next at 2 a Clock P.M. to act on the following articles - viz -

First to Chuse a Moderator for Sd meeting)

2dly For the Town to agree upon and grant a Sum of money to the Revd Nathan Stone for his Present years Salary Ending June the 8th a.d. 1780 —

3dly For the Town to agree upon & grant a Sum of money to pay Town Debts to whom they are Justly Indebted —

4thly For the Town to hear the Report of the Committee for Settling the Town Line & highways from Joshua Newtons Bridge so called, and Except of the same, and make Sale of any Land that may Remain, or grant to the Widow Mary Newton so much as they think fit for any land land laid out of hers in Roways or pass any Vote or Votes Concerning the Same as they may think fit when meet

5thly For the Town to Chuse Some Person to mend the Front door of the meeting house

6thly For the Town to hear the Proceedings of the County Convention & Except of the same, and chuse a Committee to Inforce the same, or make any alterations as to the prices, & pass any Vote or Votes Relative to the Same as they may think fit when meet

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7ly To See if the Town will grant any wood to the Widow Deliverance Salter & How much and appoint some person to procure the same for her

8ly For the Town to grant a Sum of money to repair the County Roads or act thereon as they think fit when met

Hereof fail not & make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Select men att or before the time appointed for holding s.d meeting

Dated att Southboro this
24 day of Augt. a. d. 1779

By order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss Sept. 8th 1779
Agreable to this Warrant I have warned the Qualified Voters belonging to my district to appear att time and place as is within Specified

Asahel More Constable

Worcester ss Southborough Sept. 8th 1779
I have fully Executed the within Warrant to me directed

Richard Barnes Constable for Southborough

Southborough Sept. the 8th 1779
The Town being meet agreable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as followeth - viz -

First Chose Capt. Seth Newton Moderator

on ar. 2 Voted to Chuse a Committe of three to wait on the Rev. Nathan Stone Relative to his Salary

Then Chose Deac. John Fay
Dod. James Parker Excuse by Vote
Jonas Ball
Ezra Taylor

upon the Report of the Committe, Conferring with Mr. Stone Voted £450 To the Rev. Nathan. Stone for his present years Salary Ending June the 8th a. d. 1780 --

on ar. 3 Voted Two Hundred Pound for Town Debts

For the remainder turn to next Page

mar.t 4 Voted to } Excepted of the Report of the Committe
Voted to chuse a Committe of three persons to ascertain what land is to dispose of, and also what or how much will Satisfie the Widd.s Newton for land laid out of her.
Then Chose Solomon Newton
Joshua Smith
Nathan Bridges } Committe

mar.h 5 Voted that Ezra Taylor See the front doors of the meeting house be mended

mar.t 6 Voted to } Excepted the Proceedings of the Convention held att Worcester -
Voted to Chuse a Committe of Thirteen persons to Inforce the Proceeding of the Convention
Then Chose Doc.r James Parker
Bez.a Mixer
Majr Gn.l Thompney
Jonas Ball
m Cothurn
Joshua Smith
Nathan Bridges
Lt Ashel Mathews
Lt Jabez More
Elijah Brigham
Capt. Elijah Bellows
Lt Alex.r Fay
Ezra Newton } Committe
Then Voted that the Committe bee Impowered to Regulate and fix the Prices of Sundry Articles not Enumerated by the Convention att Worcester

mar.h 7 Voted to gett five cord of wood for the Widd. Salter
Voted that Joshua Smith provide the same for her

mar.h 8 Voted that all the Surveyors be directed to bring all there Squadrons out to the great Rode & give Credit for what the work over there rates to the next yeur

Then Voted to Dissolve the meeting
Attest Seth Newton Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss —
To Mr. Asahel More & Richard Barnes or Either of them
Constables for Southborough - Greeting — —

You are hereby forthwith Required in the name of the Government & People of Massachusetts Bay to warn all the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants in your Respective Districts qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble at the meeting house in Southboro - on Monday the 18th day of this Instant Octr at one O Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles viz — First to Chuse a Moderator for S.d meeting

2ly For the Town to hear the Orders Sent from the Genl Assembly of this State for raising Eight men from a Requisition of Genl Washington and consider of the Same, and approve of what the Militia Officers have done in Raising the men and Chuse Some Persons as a Committe to borrow what money the men may need before they march and pay the Same to them taking Receipts for what they pay

3ly For the Town to agree upon an adjournment of S.d meeting then to Grant any Sum that may be Agreed upon for the payment of S.d men — also to hear the Proceeding of the State Convention holed at Concord Octr the 6th and approve or disapprove of the Same and Chuse a Committe to Inforce the Same — and to act on any matters that may come before the Town for their Consideration and to pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same or on any other matters that may come under Consideration — —

4ly For the Town to raise the price of the Revd Nathan Stones wood on act thereon as they may think fit when meet

Hereof fail not & make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen all or before the time appointed for holding S.d meeting
Dated at Southboro - this
15th day of Octr A.D. 1779 by order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Octr 18th 1779
The Within warrant hath been executed by me
Asahel More Constable for Southborough

Worcester ss - Octr 18th 1779 Executed the within Warrant to me
In Obediance I have fully directed
Richard Barnes Constable for Southborough
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborough Octr the 18th 1779

The Town being met Ugreable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as followeth viz

First Chose Doct James Parker Moderator

on art 2 Voted to & Excepted of what the Militia Officers have done in hireing men

Voted to Chuse a Committe Voted the Committe Consist of three to hire what money the Soldiers may need before they march taking Receipts for the same

for Committe Chose Majr Jona Champney — Excused by Vote
Benja Mixer — Excused
Willm Onthunk
Nathan Bridges

Then Voted to Reconsider the Vote of having the Comtte to consist of three & have but two in Sd Committe

Then Voted to add one to Sd Commite Chose Jonas Ball

on art 3 Voted to pass over for the present

on art 4 Voted to raise the Revd Nathan Stones wood to £6-0- per Cord the present year

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in Novr at One Oclock P.M. at this place

att James Parker Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborough Novr the 1st 1779

The Town being met according to adjournment proceeded to Busness as followeth viz

Doct Parker the former Modr being absent proceeded to a new Choice

Then chose Majr Jona Champney Modr for this day

on art 3 Voted the Sum of Thirteen Hundred Pound to pay the Soldiers & other Town debts to be assessed on the Polls and Reatable Estates of the Town — £1300-0-

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to this day Fortnight at one Oclock att this place

att Jonathan Champney Mord P.T.
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborough Novr the 15th 1779

The Town met according to adjournment & proceeded as followeth viz

on art 3 The Vote being tried on the Proceedings of the Convention & passed in the Negative

Then Voted to dissolve the meeting att James Parker Modr
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

To Messrs Ashel More & Richard Barnes or Either of them
Constables for Southborough — Greeting

You are hereby forthwith Required in the Name of the Government
and People of Massachusetts Bay to warn all the Freeholders &
other Inhabitants in your Respective districts qualified by Law
to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble att the meeting house in
Southborough on Monday the 17th of this Instant Jany att One o
Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles — viz — — — — —

First to Chose a Moderator for said meeting

2ly Relative to a Fine of Twenty four Hundred Pounds set to the Town
of Southboro in the Last Tax bill for not raising four men to
serve in the Continental army for nine months and for the
Town to Chuse an Agent or Agents to go to the Genl Assembly to
get the fine taken off or pass any Vote or Votes Concerning the
Same as the Town think fit when met — — — — — — — — —

3ly For the Town to allow Town Debts to whom the Town is Justly
Indebted — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Hereof fail not & make due return of this Warrant with your doings
thereon to the Select men att or before the time appointed for
holding sd meeting — — — — — — — — — — — —

Dated att Southboro this
12th day of Jany 1780 — by order of the Select men Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss Jany the 17th 1780
This Warrant hath been Executed by me Agreable to the within
Direction — Ashel More Constable for Southborough

Southborough Jany the 17th 1780 —
In Obediance I have fully Executed the within Warrant to me directed
Richard Barnes Constable for Southborough

Southborough Jany the 17th 1780 —

The Town being met Agreable to the foregoing Warrant
Proceeded to act as followeth — viz — — — — — — — — —

First Chose Capt Seth Newton Moderator

2ly Then Voted to Endemnifie the Assessors in not assessing the Fine
on sd Town it passed in the Negative

Then Voted to Chuse a Committe to draw a Petition to send to the
Genl Assembly & attend sd Business in getting off sd Fine — Voted sd Committe Consist of three
Then Chose — — — — — Doct James Parker
Lt Elijah Brigham
Lt Joshua Smith

3ly Then Voted the following Sums
on Acct Wm Onthank £15 0s 3d 0q
To Nathan Bridges £16 0 0
To Joshua Smith — £ 3 9s 12d 0

Then Voted to Dissolve the meeting
Att Seth Newton Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen Feb.y the 14th a.d. 1780 having Examined the accounts of Jonas Ball Treasurer for Southborough and find that he has been Cheargable with the Sum of Seven Hundred Nintey Pounds Twelve Shillings one penny one farthing and that he has Produced Vouchers Shewing that he has paid out one Thousand one Hundred and Ninety Six Pounds. Eight Shillings & two farthings which is Four Hundred Sebenty Six Pounds. fifteen Shillings Eleven Pence & one farthing more than he has Receivd the above Settlement is Exclusive of the four Hundred & fifty Pounds Granted to the Rev.d Mr Stones for his present years Salary and Nintey Hundred Pounds Granted for to pay Town Debts

Settlement with the Treasurer

Jth Newton
Joshua Smith
Elijah Brigham
Ezra Taylor
} Selectmen for Southboro

Feb.y the 14th 1780 Seneca Settlement the Selectmen paid into the Treasurer Three Pounds ten Shillings & Six pence money Paid by Amos Newton Jr. on a fine for not serveing as a high way Serveyor the rest taken in Settlement with Highway Serveyors

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money Paid by the Treasurer

att the Same meeting Joseph Witherbe & Ezek.l Collins Settled & were Desichared as high way Serveyors

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Messrs Asahel More or Richard Barnes or Either of them Constables for Southborough — Greeting

You are hereby forthwith Requird in the Name of the Goverment and People of Massachusetts Bay and agreable to Vote of this Town to warn all the freeholders & Other Inhabitants in this Town Qualified Voters by Posting up a Copy of this Warrant att least fourteen days before the time appointed for holding Said meeting to Assemble att the meeting house in Southboro. on monday the Sixth day of March next att 12 a Clock att noon to act on the following articles — viz

1st to Chuse a Moderator for Said meeting

2ly To Chuse Town Officers for the year Ensuing as the Law directs

3ly to Chuse Some Persons to Inspect the killing of Deer Contrary to Law

4ly To Chuse Grave Diggers a pound keeper and Some Person to Sweep the meeting house & Lock & unlock the Same

5ly To agree upon & Grant a Sum of money to Repair highways in Said Town the year Ensuing

6ly To agree upon and grant a Sum of money to pay the School Master and other Town Debts

7ly To Chuse a Committe to hire a School master

8ly To Chuse a Committe to Squadran out the School the Present year

9ly To Consider & allow all Town debts to those to whom the Town is Justly Indebted

10ly For the Town to agree upon and Grant a Sum of money in addition to the Revd Mr Stones Sallary if they think fit and pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same

11ly To See if the Town will abate the Rates Set to the Heirs of Jeruiah Williams in Richard Barnes List of Assesment

12ly To See if the Town will Grant to Moses Bruce a Strip of Land Supposed to be about forty Rods lying west of the Rode Laid out over Pine Hill he Obliedging him self to clear up the new Rode and make it passable

13ly To See if the Town will make any allowance to John Prentice for keeping Gedion Bellows or remove him from his house or pass any Vote or Votes Concerning the Same as they may think fit when met

14ly To See if the Town will Lease the work house to the highest bidder for a noon house on Sabbath days on Condition they leave it if wanted for the use of the Town

15ly To See if the Town will have their Town meetings Warned by Posting the Same Except it be on Some Sudden and Importent Emergences when in the Judgement of the Select men it ought to be Otherwise

16ly To See if the Town will Grant to the Singers for their use During the Town's Pleasure, as many Seats in the front Gallery in the meeting House as Shall be Necessary and Convenient and also Sell the Pews built for the Singers to Such Persons as Shall be disposed to purchase the Same and Chuse a Committe to Seat the Meeting house if found Necessary or pass any Vote or Votes Concerning the Same as the Town may think fit when met

17ly To See if the Town will grant a Reasonable Compensation to the Collectors for the Year 1779 and also Grant Some proper Encouragement to those that may be Chose into the Office for the Year 1780 or Chuse Collectors or pass any Vote or Votes Concerning the Same as the Town think best when met

Turn Over

18ly For the Town to Chuse a Chorister to Set the Psalm

19ly as the Town att a former meeting Voted to Repay to the Town of Graston the Bounty they Gave Levi Dunton for the Town to Chuse Some person or persons to Settle with Graston & take a discharge from them - - - - - - - - -

20ly To See if the Town will hire a Singing master any certain term that the Town Shall agree upon att the Expence of the Town for the benifet of Such as are unable to hire for them selves and for the good of the whole Town - - - - -

21ly For the Town to Determine by Vote whether they will come to an Avaridge in the Present War have the Cost assest on the Poles & Ratable Estates in Southborough and then Chuse a Committe to State all the Service done Seence the War Commenced with the Depreciation of the money and Report att Such time as the Town Shall direct or pass any Vote or Votes Concerning the Same as the Town think fit when met

22ly For the Town to Sell to Jedidiah Baker one rod of Land that he has withen fenced from the Wid.w Fay Land to Peter Bent.s for a Reasonable price if he applys for the Same

23ly As Persis Bruce is brought into Southbor.o Legally by Warrant Cirtify Pregnant for the Town to Chuse a Committe to make Enquirery whether P. Persis is an Inhabitant of Southbor.o or not & if found to be an Inhabitant for P. Committe to be authorized to provide for her and keep her to Some proper Employment as may best Serve for her maintenence and also be Empowered to take care of any Estate She may have & Settle in her behalf for any money that may be got of the man by whom She is Pregnant

24ly To See if the Town will Vote to let their Swine run att large the Year Ensuing

25ly To See if the Town will Sing Some of the old Tunes one half of the day in Publick Service

26ly To See if the Town will wave the paying the present Rates now Committed to the Constables upon Suspicion that it is to Defray the Expence of the Expedition to Penobscot which we think it ought to be a Continental Charge and unjust for this State to pay and pass any Vote or Votes Concerning the Same as they may think fit when met

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen att or before the time appointed for holding Said meeting

Dated at Southborough this 14th day of Feb.y 1780-

by order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss Southboro March 6th 1780

In pursuance of the direcions of this Warrant I have Warned all the three holders & other Inhabitants within this Town by Putting a Copy of this Warrant

Richard Barnes Constable

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborough March 6th 1780

The Town being met Agreable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to Elect as followeth viz -

First Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator

Selectmen
- Town Clerk Joshua Smith
- Town Treasurer Jonas Ball

Assessors
- James Parker
- Nathan Bridges
- Asahel Mor[illegible]

on ar.t 2d
- Seth Newton Excused by Vote
- Joshua Smith
- Elijah Brigham
- Ezra Taylor Excused by Vote
- Jonas Ball Excused by Vote

2d day Chose
- Nathan Bridges
- Asahel Mathews
- Wm Onthank

Constables
- West End Hezh. Fay
- East End Joseph Wetherbe Paid a fine of £80-1
- Benj.a Parker Chose 3d day

Sything men
- Ezra Newton
- Simon Towzer

Field drivers
- Joel Brewer
- John Johnson

Scaler of Leather
- John Bellows

Fence Veiwers
- Elijah Newton
- Moses Brace

Surveyors of high ways
- Cont.r Betty a Smith Excused by Vote
- Abel.r Newton
- John Prentice
- Nathan Japlin Excused by Vote
- Jonas Woods 3d day Excused 3d day
- Isaac Johnson Chose Clain Chose 3d day
- Edmund Chamberlain

on ar.t 3d
- Deer Reaves
- Daniel Johnson
- Asahel Mathews

Grave diggers
- Jonas Woods and Benj.a Smith

Pound keeper Benj.a Smith

Thomas Stone keeper of the meeting House

Hoez Reaves
Daniel Newton
Silas Ball
Josiah Fay
Robert Horne

on ar.t 4th

on ar.t 5th
Voted that Labor done all high ways be Set at £ 6.- per day from the first of April to the Last of Sept.r and from that time throughout the Year be Set at £3.- per day the present Year only

Then Voted that the Sum of £2000- to repair high ways the Year Enjuing to be assessed on the Poles and Notable Estates in Southborough £2000-

on ar.t 6th
Voted to pass over for the present 2d day at the adjournment
Agreed upon Granted & Voted the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds to pay a School matter & other Town Debts to be assessed on the Poles & Notable Estates in Southborough £3000-

Turn Over

Then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting till Tomorrow att 12 O Clock att noon att this place Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborough March the 7th 1780

The Town being met according to Adjournment the meeting being Opened Proceed to act as followeth viz

on ar 7th Voted to Chuse a Committe of three persons to hire a School Master Then Chose Capt Bellows Ezra Taylor and Mastr Champney

on ar 8th Voted to pass over

on ar 9th Granted the following Sums

To Jabez Johnson	£102 u 18 - 0
To Jabez Mathews	£ 75 u 8 u 4
To Deacn Fay	£ 17 u 8 - 3
To Joshua Smith	£ 10 u 1 u 6
To Thomas Stone	£ 27 u 1 - 0
To James Parker	£ 288 u 0 - 0
To Jonas Ball	£ 27 u 0 - 0
To Solomon Newton	£ 83 u 10 u 0
To Ezra Taylor	£ 99 u 15 u 1
To Jonas Ball	£ 73 u 19 u 0
To Absolam Ward	£ 4 u 13 u 0

on ar 10th Granted & Voted the Sum of five Hundred and fifty Pound to be assessed on the Poles and Ratable Estates in Southboro

on ar 11th Passed in the Negative £550 u 0

on ar 12th Passed over

Then Voted to pass to the 15th article

on ar 15th Voted that the Town Meetings be Warned by Posting a Copy of the Wargants unless when in the Judgment of the Select men they Order it Otherwise

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting till to morrow att 12 O Clock att this Place Attest Elijah Brigham Moderat

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborough March the 8th 1780

The Town being met according to Adjournment the meeting being Opened proceeded to act as followeth viz

on ar 13th Voted to pass over by the present day Granted & Voted to John Prentice the Sum of £90 u for keeping Gedion Bellows from June last to this day

on ar 14th Voted to lease the Work house to the highest bidder for one year if not wanted for the use of the Town Then put up & Struck of to Mastr Champney for Ninty five Dollers he being the highest bidder £28 u 10 u 0

on ar 16th Granted the Select Men Seats in the front Galary men and Womens Side leaving the Towns pleasure to the Singers Then Voted to Sell the Pews built for the Singers use to the highest bidders

Then Voted to Chuse a Committe to consult with the Singers Relative to the Seats Granted them

Committe { Jonas Ball, Dor.r Parker, Majr Champney } Committees Report that the Singers was Satisfied with the Seats Granted them, but Should att the same time be Glad if any of the fore Seat could be Cleard for them

Then Voted as much of the fore Seat in the front Gallary as could be Cleared for the Singers

March 9th passed the following Votes on the 16th art

Voted to chuse a Committe of five Persons to Seat the meeting house — Then Chose { Jonas Ball, Joshua Smith, Capt Bowtham, Abel Mathews, Solomon Newton } Excused by Sole Capt Bellows chose 5th day

Then Voted the following Conditions of the Sale of the Pews — to be Adhered to by the Purchasers —

Voted to Number the Pews & put them up to Sale by Vendue & that after Voted that £30 — Pounds be paid down as Earnest & that Security be given for the remainder if it Rises above £300 — 20 be a bid — and that to be paid in one month

Then Chose Jonas Ball Vendue Master —

Then Voted that the pews be nott directly nor Indirectly Sold to any persons out of the Town —

Further Conditions Conditions of Sale Voted the 5th clause

Voted that no person now holding a Pew Shall Purchase any one of the Pews — and Shall Sell or Rent his Pew to any Person out of the Town directly or Indirectly & Shall forfiet the Pew he Shall now purchase To Revert to the Town again

Then Put the Pews to Sale upon the above Conditions

Pew No 1 Struck off to Heman Fay for £1000 —

Pew No 2 Struck off to Robert Fay for — £1005 —

Pew No 3 Struck off to Elijah Bellows for £1005 —

Pew No 4 Struck off to Ezek Collins for — £1010 —

on art 17th — First and last Clause passed in the Negative Town Grant

Then Voted that att the End of the Year The Town Grant a Reasonable allowance to the present years Constables

on art 18th — Passed over for the present

Gotham Bellows chose the forth day — Excepted on condition it that it be left to his discretion to Set the Old and New Tunes

on art 19th — Chose Joshua Smith to Settle with Grafton and to give them the Nominal Sum they gave & take a discharge from them

on art 20th — Passed in the Negative

on art 21st — Passed in the Negative

on art 22d — Passed over —

Turn Over

on ad 23d } Voted to Chuse a Committe of three Persons
Then Chose
Nathan Bridges Excused
Jonas Ball
Capt Brigham Excused
Mr Chompney Excused
Wm Ontheank
Wm Winchester

Committe

Voted that Sd Committe be Impowered to carry all Matters relative to Sd Perfit to final Issue — — —

Voted that Either of them be Impowered to appear att Court the behalf of Sd Perfit — — — — — — — —

on ad 24th } Voted to let there Swine run att large the Year Ensuing

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on ad 25th } Voted to desire the Chorister to sing Some of the old Tunes one half of the day in divine Worship
Voted that Deacr Fay & John Amsden or Either of them be desired to set the Psalms one half of the day in divine Worship on Sabbath days — Deacr Fay Excused by Vote 4th day

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting till tomorrow att 12 O Clock

Attest Elijah Brigham Modr

Recved by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

The adjournment from the 8th day March to the 9th day March was Wholly taken up on the 26th & 26th Articles and Swearing the Town officers and was So Intermixt that I could not put the adjournment of the 9th day of march only by minuteing the days in the Votes as they were passed ~~the Last of~~

Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborough March 13th 1780 —

The Town being met according to adjournment the meeting being opend proceeded to act as followeth viz

Pews Sold as withen mentioned

acted on 8th day

on ad 26th } Voted to pass over for the Present

Leased the Burying Yard the Year Ensuing to Jos bridge Taylor for £14 : 2 :

Sold a Logg that lay nigh the meting house to Peter Hay for £8 : 2 : —

Sold Some Boards belonging to the Town to Mark Collins Junr for £15 : 12

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting till Next Friday att 2 O clock att this place

Attest Elijah Brigham Modr

Friday March 17th 1780 —

The Town being met according to adjournment the meeting being opened Proceeded to act as followeth viz —

granted to Wm Ontheank £74 : 13 —

Voted to and Excepted the Report of the Committe for Seating the meeting house —

all the Town Officers Chosen for the Year Ensuing have been Sworn Except Ashael Mathews as Dear Reave and Jonas Ball as Treasurer who promised before the Town that he would take the Oath the first Opportunity he had

Then Voted to dissolve this meeting
Attest Elijah Brigham moder
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

South borough March the 7th 1780 The Select men then delivered to the Treasurer the fine of Joseph Wetherbee paid for Refuseing to Serve as Constable being £80:
also the Several articles Sold on page 106. for money for the Burying Yard log and Boards the whole Sum put in the Treasurer is one hundred Seventeen Pound Sixteen Shilling £117.16.

Worcester ss
To Mess.rs Hezekiah Fay and Benjamin Parker or Either of them Constables for Southborough Greeting —

You are hereby forthwith Requir.d in the Name of the Goverment and People of Massachusetts Bay and by Vote of the Town to warn all the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants within the Town of Southboro Qualified Voters by Posting a Copy of this Warrant to Assemble at the meeting house in Southboro. on Monday the 3.d day of April next at 2 O Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz —

First to Chuse a Moderator for S.d Meeting

2.ly To hear the Requist of Capt. Seth Newton Representative for Southboro and for the Town to Comply with his Requist by directing the Assessors to Assess £2160 on the Polls and Ratable Estates in Southboro or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town Shall think best when met —

3.ly To See if the Town will Transfer the Pew N.o 2 Struck of to Robert Fay To Will.m Onthank and his Heirs the Purchaser of S.d Pew

4.ly To See if the Town will take up the Manufacture of Pot Ashes at the Expence of the Town under the Direction of Such Agents as the Town Shall Chuse for that purpose the Town to have the benefit accruing from that branch of Business and pass any Vote or Votes Concerning that Manufacture or any Other as the Town Shall think fit when met —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Select men att or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting

Dated att Southborough this 31.st day of March a.D. 1780 by order of the Select men Joshua Smith T. Clerk

In Obediance to the within written Warrant I have warn.d all the Qualified Voters to attend at time & place as set forth in this Warrant by Posting a Copy hereof agreable to the Vote of the Town
Southborough April 3.d A.D. 1780
Benj.a Parker Constable for Southborough

Recorded by Joshua Smith T. Clerk

Turn Over.

Southborough April the 3d 1780

The Town being met Agreable to the forgoing Warrant the meeting Opened Proceeded to act as followeth viz

first Chose Nathan Bridges Moderator

on art 2d Voted to pay the Sum of £2400- as a fine
Then the Vote being tried again Passed in the Negative
Voted to Reconsider all the Votes pass'd on this Article
Voted that Capt Seth Newton be desir'd to take the Sum of £2400- Together with a Return from the Assessors to desire the Treasurer to take the money and give his Receipt for the £2400- & Send his Warrant for the whole Sum Set to the Town of Southborough in the last Tax Bill
Voted that the Selectmen Give an order on the Treasurer in favor of Capt Newton for £2400- he giving his Receipt for the Same

on art 3d Passed Over—

on art 4th Voted to Set up the Manufacture of Pot Ashes upon Such Regulations as the Town Shall hereafter agree upon
Voted to Chuse a Committe to draw up a plan of the Regulations and Report at a future meeting and that the Committe Consist of three

Then Chose Joshua Smith
Dan'l Parker Committe
Jonas Ball

Then Voted to Adjourn this meeting to this day Fortnight at 4 O Clock P.M. att this place

Nathan Bridges Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborough April the 17th 1780

The Town being met according to adjournment the meeting Opened proceeded to act as followeth viz

~~The Committe made the following Report~~
after hearing the Report of the Committe and Some Remarks on the Report Voted to adjourn this meeting to the annual May meeting next

Nathan Bridges Moderator—

Southborough May the 26th 1780

The Town being met according to adjournment the meeting Voted to adjourn this meeting to this day Fortnight att 3 O Clock P.M. att this Place

Nathan Bridges Moderr—

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborough June the 9th 1780

The Town being met according to adjournment the meeting Opened Proceeded to act as followeth viz—

on art 4th the Committe appointed to draw up a plan of Regulation made the following Report—

The Committe appointed to prepare a plan of Regulation of the Manufacture of Pot Ashes have attended that Service and Report as follows viz ——

That the Town appoint an Agent or Agents whose business shall be as followeth viz ——

To Purchase or hire one of the Pot Ashes in this Town according as the Town shall direct — To receive the ashes that shall be brought in, keeping an Exact account of the Quantity each person shall bring in, and pay for the same at the Sale of the Pot Ashes att the price the Town shall now agree upon or otherwise for the Town to Direct the Agents to have a Certain Sum of money to Purchase a Quantity of West India goods to pay for the same att the Receipt of the Ashes — To Superintend and oversee the person or persons to Manufacture the Pot Ashes and procure Kettles Wood and other materials to carry on the Same and when Manufactured to dispose of the Same as In their Judgment, Shall be most advantegious to the Town And the Said Agents Shall be Obliged once in Six months to Settle their accounts with the Select men, and the Select men Shall att the next Town meeting after Said Settlement lay it before the Town that they may know the State of the Manufactures And the Said Agents Shall Continue in their Office During the Towns Pleasure, the neat Procedes of the Manufacture Shall be Deposited in the hands of the Town Treasurer, or Otherwise as the Town Shall direct the Treasurer being accountable for all Such money as he Shall Receive

Southborough April the 7th 1780.

Joshua Smith
James Parker
Jonas Ball
} Committe

after Some debate on the Subject the Vote was put to See if the Town would take up the Manufacture of Pot Ashes and it Passed in the Negative ——

Then Voted to Dissolve this meeting

Nathan Bridges Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southboro 16th April 1780

Jona Ward Esqr Deposited in the Town Treasurers hands Four Pound as a fine for breach of Sabbath

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To Mr Hezekh Fay or Benja Parker or Either of the Constables for South borough — Greeting

You are hereby forthwith Requir'd In the Name of the Government and People of Massachusetts Bay to warn all the Male Inhabitants with the Town of South boro that are Free and Twenty one Years of Age by Posting a Copy of this Warrant to Assemble att the Meeting House on Monday the first day of May next att one O Clock P.M. to act on the following articles — viz —

First To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting

2ly For the Town to hear and Consider of the Form or Constitution of Government for this State and to approve or disapprove of the Same, and to Pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town in their Wisdom Shall think best when met

3ly To See if the Town will appropriate any and if any how much of the Common or Towns Land lying and Joining Easterly of the Work house and Pound to the Towns use or pass any Vote or Votes Concerning the Same as they think fit when met

4ly To See if the Town will Impower the Selectmen to draw an order on the Treasurer for the Sum of Ninty four Pounds Eight Shillings — which Sum the Selectmen have paid for Blankets for the Army more than the Court would allow to the Selectmen for the Same, or pass any Vote or Votes Concerning the Same

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen all or before the Time appointed for holding Said meeting

Dated att South borough this 20th day of April a.d. 1780

By Order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clerk

May 1st 1780 In Obedience to the Within Warrant I have warned the Same by Posting a Copy thereof agreeable to a Vote of the Town

Hezekiah Fay } Constable for South borough

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

South borough May the 1st 1780

The Town being met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant the Meeting Open'd Proceeded to act as followeth — viz —

First Chose Lt Elijah Brigham Moderator

on art 2d } Voted that a Committe be Chosen to Revise the Constitution and make Report att the adjournment

} Voted that the Committe Consist of Nine Persons

Then Chose

Joshua Smith
Elijah Brigham
Solomon Alston
Jonas Ball
Majr Champney Excused
Nathan Brigham
for Northborough
Nathan Bridges
Ezra Taylor
Mark Collins Junr

on art 3 Voted that all the Lands Easterly and Southerly of the Work house and Pound belonging to the Town be appropriated to the Town use

on art 4 Voted that the Select men be Impowered to draw an Order on the Treasurer for Ninty four Pounds Eight Shillings £94:8

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to this day three weeks att One O clock P. M. att this place

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborough May 22d 1780

The Town being met according to adjournment the meeting Opened Proceeded to act as followeth viz

after hearing and debateing on the Constitution as far as to the 4th Sect and 2d Chap. Voted to adjourn till Friday next Precisely at Twelve O Clock att this place

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Southborough May the 26th 1780

The Town being met according to adjournment the meeting opened Proceeded to act as Followeth viz

after heazing and debateing on the Reminder of the Constitution and the amendments of the Committe the following Votes were put

1st To See how many would accept of the Constitution as it now Stands and there was 22 for and 40 against it

2d The Vote being then put to See how many would accept of the Constitution with the amendment there was 48 for the amendments and 14 against it

Then a Vote was put to See how many would accept of the Constitution with the amendments and if after the most Strenuous Exertions of the Delegate to obtain the same if agreeable to two Thirds of Male Inhabitants Voting in Town and Plantation Meetings - and Shathor then have the Constitution fail to accept of the Same as it is now offered 41 Voted for it and 14 against it

Then Voted that the foregoing Committe be Impowered to State the Reasons for the amendments and give Instruction to the Delegate for his Direction

Then Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

The Objections or amendments to the Constitution with the Reasons for the Same are as followeth viz

Turn Over

The Committe appointed by the Town to Consider of and Revise the Constitution or Form of Government Lately made by the Convention appointed for that purpose and now offered to the People at Large for their Consideration and amendment, have attended the Business of their appointment and beg leave to Report as followeth viz

Agreed to the Following Amendments

1st amdt. Chapr. 1st Sectn. 1st That the Legislative body consist of two Branches only, That the Governor & Council Constitute one branch and the House of Representatives the Other Branch, the Council to Consist of Twenty Eight Members, To be Chosen in the same Proportion and in the same manner in the Several distrits as the Senate were to be Chosen, and the Governor & Council to have all the Powers that were to Lodged in the Senate —

2 amdt. on Chapr. 1st Sectn. 3d and 2d accepted with this amendment that Each Town that Shall be hereafter Incorporated not having one Hundred and fifty Ratable Poles be Intitled to Elect one Representative

3 amdt. on Chapr. 1st Sectn. 3 artl. 3d accepted leaving out the Last Clause in Sd article

4th amdt. on the 1st Chapr. 3d Sectn. and 4th artl. accepted with this amendment that Every Ratable Pole being Free and Twenty one Years of Age and Subject to Taxes have a Right to Vote for Councilors and Representatives —

5th amdt. on Chapr. 2d Sectn. 1st and artl. 9th accepted with this amendment That the house of Representatives have an Equal Right in the Nomination of these Officers as any other in this Constitution

6th amdt. on 6th Chapr. & 7th artl. accepted with this amendment that Six months be Inserted In Stead of Twelve months

7th amdt. on 6th Chapr. & 10th artl. accepted with this amendment that 1790 be Inserted Instead of 1795

8th amdt. on the Last artl. of 6th Chapr. accepted with this addition that Sd Laws are to be all the Laws that Shall be in force and Practiced upon within this State and all other Laws hereafter made be Immediately sent to Each and Every Town within within this State to the End that Every Individual may know all the Laws he is to be Governed by

And where Ever the Senate & house of Representative are mentioned the Governor & Council and house of Representative be Inserted

Further We desire that Each & Every Part of this Constitution that Millitate with these amendments may be made Conformable to the amendments

By Order of the Committe Joshua Smith Chairman

To the Honorable the Convention for forming a form of Goverment for the State of Massachusetts Bay Agreeable to the Directions in your form of Gbvernment we have Considered the same and have made the foregoing alterations & hereunto Subjoin our Reasons therefor viz

On the first amendment or alteration that the having a Governor Coucil Senate and house of Representatives is Multiplyihy to Large a body of men to the Retarding of Publick Business and Creating Unnecessary Charge to the State

2d amdt That Taxation and Representation are and of Right ought to be Inseperably Connected together

3d amdt That a person Qualified in good abillities to Serve his Constituent in the Genl Court Get himself meeting with any adverse Providance To lessen his Estate to less than £200 should leave his Seat in the house which we Judge to be a Dispar agement to a Gentn

4th amdt Referred to the 2d being of the same Nature

5th amdt as all Money Bill Originate in the House of Representatives So ought all the Officers of the State

6th amdt That the Write of Habeas Corpus is held so dear to the Subject that Six months is time Sufficient to have a Write Suspended

7 amdt That Ten Years will Reduce to Practice the Constitution whereby the good or Ill Effects will be Sufficiently known for a Revision

8 amdt That our Former Province Laws were so Little Practiced on in Courts that the Subjects in Genl Scarce Ever knew when he was to be defended by the Laws of the State Whereby Numberless Law Suits were Commenced that would not have been if the whole Laws that were Practiced upon in Courts were Contained in one Volume & deposited with the Clerk of Every Town

Instructions

To Docr James Parker Delagate for the Town of Southborough In Convention for forming a Constitution of Government for Massachusetts Bay

Sr Agreeable to Vote of the Town we by leave to Lay before you the following Instructions for the Rule of your conduct at Convention viz That if the Constitution meet the Approbation of Two thirds of the male Inhabitants Voting in Town & Plantation meetings for the Setting up the same without Sending it out again to the People you are Impowered to Vote for Setting up the Constitution at Such time as in your Judgment you think most Convenient to the Publick good

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Mess.rs Hez.k Jay and Benj.a Parker or Either of them Constables for Southborough Greeting

You are hereby forthwith Required in the Name of the Government and People of Massachusetts Bay to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants in the Town of Southborough Qualified by Law to Vote for a Representative to assemble at the meeting House in Southborough on Friday the 26.th day of May Current att one O Clock, P.M. to act on the following Articles – viz

1.st For the Town to Chuse Some Person for to Represent them in the Great and Gen.l Court the year Ensuing, or act thereon as the Town Shall think fit when met

2.dly To Chuse a Moderator for the remaining Busines of this Warrant

3.dly For the Town to Impower the Committe Chosen to provide for Samuel Hudson, to Continue providing for him, or Chuse a new new Committe for that purpose, or pass any Vote or Votes Concerning the Same as the Town think fit when met

4.thly For the Town to hear a Report of the Selectmen Concerning a Peice of Towns Land adjoining to Moses Bruce and Grant the Same to Mr Bruce & his Heirs for a Reasonable Sum, or pass Vote or Votes Relative to the Same as the Town think fit when met

5.thly For the Town to Grant to Capt.n Nathan Brigham and Heirs a Certain Peice of Land Together with an Apple Tree Standing on the Same near where Nathaniel Beals lately lived for a Reasonable Price or act thereon as the Town may think fit

6.thly For the Town to allow all Just debts to Whom the Town is Justly Indebted

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen att or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting.

Dated att Southborough this 19.th day of May a. dom 1780.

By order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clerk

In Obedience to the Within Written Warrant I have warned all the qualified Voters in Southborough to attend at time and place as Set forth in this Warrant, by Posting a Copy of this Warrant agreeable to the Vote of the Town

Benj.a Parker Constable for South borough

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborn May the 26.th 1780

The Town being met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant the meeting Opened Proceeded to act as follows.th viz —

1.st Passed in the Negative

2.nd Chose Lieu.t Elijah Brigham Moderator

3.rd

on ar.t 3 Voted to Impower the Comittee to Continiew providing for Samuel Hudson

on ar.t 4 Voted to pass over for the present

on ar.t 5 Passed in the Negative

on ar.t 6 Granted to Solomon Ward £330 u o — £330 u o
Granted to Doc.r Parker — £20 u o
Granted to Wm Onthank & Joshua Smith — £150 u o

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to this day Fortnight att One O Cloick P.M. Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator
Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

South boro June the 9th 1780

The Town being met according to adjournment the meeting Opened Proceeded to act as followeth viz

on ar.t 4 The Selectmen made the following Report

South boro May the 23. 1780

The Report of the Selectmen upon Veiwing the Road adjoining Moses Bruces Land at the Southwesterly Part of Pine Hill So called and of Turning the Road from where it had been formerly laid out on Land left by the Proprietors for a Road, and Selling it as followeth viz Begining att a heap of Stones on the East side of the road against the North Eastterly Corner of Lemuel Newtons Meadow Turning a little Easterly out of the trod Road to a Large Rock & Stone Ten Rods Thence Running North 30. W. 18 Rods To a heap of Stones Said to be Moses Bruces & Benj.a Parkers Corner. Thence Running North 31. W. 12 Rods by Land of Benj.a Parker to a heap of Stones Said to be P. Parkers & Jon.a Newtons Corner, thence Running North 22. W. 10 Rods by Land of Jon.a Newton to a White Oak Stump by the side of the Trod Way, the above Said bounds to be the Easterly bounds of Said Road, leaving the Road full two Rods wide— and there Remains one acre and three quarters of Land Exclusive of the above Road, belonging to the Town to be disposed of, and where the Road is now Stated we Judge will make a much better Road than where the Road is now Trod

by order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith T. Clerk

Then Voted to Accept of the Report of the Selectmen in the alteration of the Road, and Discontinued the Remainder of the Road

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

South borough May 15th 1780

Perambulation

We the Subscribers being Duly appointed to Perambulate the line between South borough and Framingham, began att the North East Corner by Bensons so called and we have Renewed the bounds as far as Stones Corner So Called and Renewed Twenty Bounds, and went no further by Reason of Contest on the line

Wm Oakbank } Committe for South boro
James Bridges }

James Clayes Jur. } Committe for Framingham
Lawson Buckminster }

To Messrs Hezh Fay or Benja Parker or Either of them Constable for South borough — Greeting

You are hereby Requir. forthwith In the Name of the Government and People of Massachusetts Bay to Warn all the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants In your Respective districts qualified To Vote in Town affairs to assemble att the meeting house in South borough on Friday the 16th of June Instant att 3 Oclock P.M. to act on the Following articles — viz —

First To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting

2d For the Town to hear the Orders Sent to the Militia Officers for Raising Ten men to Serve in the Continental Army for six months, For the Town to determine in what manner Sd men Shall be Raised, Either by draught or by Rate, and if by Rate to Chuse a Committe to hire the money, till by adjournment of this meeting it can be Legally Granted to hire Sd men with also for the Town to determine what number of men they will Raise there being now No Surplus men in the Continental army and Endeavour that the Officers in not Raising the whole Number of men Requir. if the Town See fit to Return the Surplus men

or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town Shall think best when met —

Here of fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen att or before the time Appointed for holding Sd meeting

Dated att South borough this 14th day of June a.d. 1780

by Order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clerk

June the 16th 1780

In Obediance to the withen Written Warrant I have Warned the Inhabitants in my district qualified to Vote in Town meeting to attend at time and place as Set forth in this Warrant

Benja Parker Constable for South borough

Pursuant to this Warrant I have Warned the with mentioned Voters to meet at time and place

Wm Hezekiah Fay Constable for South boro

Recorded by Joshua Smith T. Clerk

Youth borough June the 16th 1780.

The Town being met agreable to the forgoing Warrant the meeting Opened Proceeded to act as followeth viz

First Chose Capt Seth Newton Moderator —

Voted that the men be Raised by a Rate
Voted to Chuse a Committe to hire money to Raise the men with
Voted the Committe Consist of five Persons —

for Committe Chose
Benja Alger
Ezra Taylor
Moses Bruce
Mark Collins Junr
Asahel More

A Vote being put to See if the Town will Raise Ten men it Passed in the Negative

Voted to Raise four men and Return the Six Surplus men
Voted that the Officers Return the Six Surplus men
Voted that the above Committe be Impowered to hire the four men to be Raised
Voted that the Committe be Impowered to hire four men on Reasonable Terms stateing the Currency on Indian Corn and to pay them so many Bushels or the Current price of the Corn now for what they Shall Agree to pay them before they march and that the Town Treasurer also is Impowered to give his Note in behall of the Town for as many Bushels of Indian Corn or the Current price of the Corn att the time the above men return from the Service by discharge P. Treasurer to have a Certificate from the Committe of the price they have agreed with the men for
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting till Wednesday the 28th day of June Instant att 2 O Clock P.M att this place

att Seth Newton Moderator

Youth borough June 28. 1780

The Town being met according to Adjournment the meeting Opened Proceeded to act as followeth viz

Capt Newton being absent on a Journey Proceeded to a new Choice
Then Chose Nathan Bridges Moderator
Voted that the Militia Officers be Impowered to assist the Committe already Chosen to get the four men & the Other two men to be Raised
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting till Saterday next at 11. O Clock P.M Test Nathan Bridges Moderator

July 1. 1780. The Town met according to adjournment and Proceeded to act as follows. viz.
Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday next at 5. O Clock afternoon — att Nathan Bridges Moderator

July 3d 1780 The Town met according to adjournment and Proceeded to act viz.
Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the 17th Instant att 6 O. Clock afternoon att this place
Test Nathan Bridges Modr

July 17th 1788. The Town met according to adjournment proceeded to act as followeth viz.
Then Voted to dissolve this meeting
Test Nath Bridges Modr

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

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Worcester ss

To Messrs Hezh. Fay or Benja. Parker or Either of them Constables for Southborough Greeting

You are hereby forthwith Required In the Name of the Government and People of Massachusetts Bay to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants within the Town of Southborough Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting house in Southboro on Monday the Third day of July next at 4 o. Clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz

First To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting

2ly As the Gen. Assembly of this State have called upon the Town of Southboro for Twelve men from the Militia of Sd Town to Serve in the Continental Army for three months after there arival at Camp, For the Town to hear the Orders Sent Sent for Sd men & determine by Vote in what way and manner they will have Sd men Raised, Either by Rate or Draught, and if the Town Vote to Raise Said men by Rate to Chuse a Committe to hire the Money to pay Sd men with till by adjournment of this meeting the money can be Legally Granted, both for these or any other that have been already Raised, and pass any Vote or Votes upon any matter or thing Relative to raising Furnishing or marching any or all the men now raised or to be Raised from the Militia of this Town, Either now raised or that may be Raised for the future

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doing thereon to the Select men at or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting

Dated at Southboro this
30th day of June a. d. 1780

by order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith T. Clerk

Southborough July 1. 1780

In Obediance to this warrant I have warned all Qualified Voters therein mentioned to attend time and place as set forth in this Warrant

Benja. Parker Constable for Southborough

July 3d 1780. The Town met according to the foregoing Warrant and Proceeded to act as follows viz

First Chose Lt Elijah Brigham Moderator

on art 2d Voted that the men now to be Raised and hereafter to be raised be raised. be Raised by a Rate During the Towns pleasure

Voted to Chuse a Committe to hire the money for the men now to be raised & those who Shall be hereafter Raised

Voted Sd Committe Consist of five.

Chose Isaac Johnson
Medad Newton
Ebenezer Fay
David Johnson
Moses Bruce

for Committe

Voted that the Militia Officers be Impowered to agree with the men now to be Raised & hereafter to be hired
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the 17th Instant at five of the Clock at this place
att Elijah Brigham Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

July 17th 1780 The Town met according to adjournment and Proceeded to act as followeth viz.
Agreed upon and granted — — — — — — £ 1564 4 0
to pay the Soldiers, to be assessed on the polls & Ratable Estate, in Southborough
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to this day three weeks att 3. O Clock P. M.
Atest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Aug.t the 7th 1780. The Town met according to adjournment the meeting Opened proceeded to act as followeth. viz
Elijah Brigham Moderator of this meeting being absent the Town then Chose Nathan Bridges Moderator for the remaining Business of this meeting
Then Voted to dissolve this meeting
Att Nathan Bridges Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

July the 7th 1780 the Select men Deposited in the Town Treasurer Twenty Eight Hundred and Eighty Pounds it being fine remitted by the Gen.l Court & County allowed the Town of South boro. for four Continental men £2880-0-0

Worcester ss
To Messrs Hez.h Fay or Benj.a Parker or Either of them Constables for Southborough — Greeting
You are hereby forthwith Required In the Name of the Government and People of the Massachusetts Bay to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants within the Town of Southborough Qualified by the New Constitution or form of Government which is to take Place on the Last Wednesday of Oct.r next to Chuse a Governor Lieut. Governor Councellors and Senators to assemble at the meeting House in Southboro on Monday the fourth day of Sept.r next at One O Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles viz

I To Chuse a Governor Lieut Governor and Persons for Councellors and Senators to Constitute the first Great & Gen.l Court of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts, to Serve in their Said Capacities the Year Ensuing their Election or till another Election all which Elections to be Conformable to Said Constitution

Turn Over

1ly. To Chuse a Moderator for the Remaining Business of the Warrant

2ly. To Grant to the Rev.d Nathan Stone his Salary for his Service in the Ministry the Present Year Ending June the 8th 1781

3ly. For the Town to Grant a Sum of Money which the Committe for paying Soldiers have Borrowed & paid to the Soldiers that have marched into the Service for the Town, or pass any Vote or Votes Relative to the Same

4ly. For the Town to Grant to Nathan Brigham Jun.r & his Heirs a Certain peice of Land Together with ten apple Trees Standing on the Same near where Nathan.l Beals Lately lived for a Reasonable price or pass any Vote or Votes on the Same

5ly. For the Town to Grant to John Johnson and his Heirs a Certain peice of Land from the high way near where Sam.l Loyscom Esq.r Lately lived for a Reasonable price or pass any Vote or Votes on the Same

6ly. For the Town to hear and accept of the Report of the Committe Chosen by the Town to take care of Persis Bruce and pass any Vote or Votes on the Same

7ly. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen att or before the time appointed for holding Said meeting

Dated att Southborough this Eighteenth day of Augt. A.D. 1780

by order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith T. Clerk

Worcester ss September the 4th 1780

In Obedience to the within written Warrant I have warned all the Qualified Voters in Southboro, to attend at time and place as Set forth in this Warrant by Posting a Copy hereof

Benj.a Parker Constable for Southborough

Sept.r the 4th 1780 The Town met agreeable to the forgoing Warrant the meeting Opened Proceeded to act as follows — viz.

on art.l 1 Voted for Govenor is as followeth viz. — 27 Votes
For the Hon.le John Hancock Esq.r
For the Hon.le Azor Orne Esq.r — 8 Votes
For the Hon.le James Bowdwin Esq.r 2 Votes

For Lieut. Govenor the Votes were as follows viz.
For the Hon.le Azor Orne Esq.r 14 Votes
For the Hon.le James Bowdwin Esq.r 9 Votes

Votes for Senators are as follows viz.

1 For Samuel Baker Esq.r 12 Votes.
For Moses Gill Esq.r one Vote
For Edward Rawson Esq.r one Vote

2 For Joseph Dorr Esq.r 18 Votes.

3 For Hon.le John Whitcomb Esq.r 19 Votes

4 For Maj.r Seth Washburn Esq.r 24 Votes

5 For Israel Nichols Esq.r 19 Votes
For Jon.a Ward Esq.r 8 Votes

on ar.t 2d } Chose Leiu.t Elijah Brigham Moderator

on ar.t 3d } Voted to chuse a Committe to treat with the Rev.d Nathan Stone Voted Said Committe Consist of three persons Then Chose Doc.r Parker. Nathan Bridges & Will.m Onthank for Committe

The Committe Reported as follows viz. that the Rev.d Mr Stone did Strictly adhere to his Letter Sent to the Moderator to be Communicated—

on ar.t 4.th } Agreed upon and Granted the Sum of £1500— to be assessed on the polls and Ratable Estates In Southborough

on ar.t 5.th } Voted to pass over for the present
Second day Voted to pass over finally

on ar.t 6.th } Voted to pass over for the present
Second day Voted to John Johnson his Heirs & Assigns for Ever a Certain peice of Land near where Sam.l Lyscom Esq.r lately lived being about Six Rods of Land as Discribed by the Selectmen

May the 23. 1780 The Selectmen Veiwed a peice of Rode for John Johnson and Laid out to him as followeth viz. began at a Walnut Tree Running Westerly 2 Rods to the Spring from thence 7 Rods the Same Course to a Walnut Tree at the Westerly End 18 Links Wide, at the Spring 13 Links Side-the Rode Left at the Spring one Rod 15 Links wide, at the West End 1 Rod & 8 links Wide, for a Consideration of £15—

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of Oct.r next at One O Clock. P. M.

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Oct.r 2d 1780 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows viz — Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour

Elijah Brigham Mod.r

Oct.r 2d. The Town met according to adjournment proceeded to act as follows viz —

on ar.t 3d } Voted to Chuse a Committe to Confer with Mr. Stone relative to his Salary the present Year for Committe Chose Nathan Bridges Jonas Ball and May.r Champney upon the return of the Committe the Town Agreed upon and Granted to the Rev.d Nathan Stone £3600— To be assessed on the polls and Ratable Estates in Southboro

on ar.t 7th } Voted and accepted of the Report of the Committe
Voted that the money Remaining in the hand of the Committe be laid out upon D.r Persis Bruce att their discretion, then Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Mod.r
Recorded by Joshua Smith T. Clerk

Money Received this Second time £15—

This £15— was what John Johnson gave for the Land above discribed & paid at this meeting

Worcester ss

To Messrs Hezh Fay or Benja Parker or Either of them Constables for Southborough — Greeting

You are hereby forthwith Required in the Name of the Government and People of Massachusetts Bay to warn all the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants within the Town of Southboro qualified by Law to Vote for a Representative to assemble at the meeting house in Southboro on Monday the 2d day of Octr next at 3 Oclock P.M. to act on the following articles-viz-

First To Chuse a Representative to Serve in the Great & Genl Court the Year Ensuing or till another Election or act thereon as the Town think fit when met

2ly To Chuse a Moderator for the Remainder business of this Warrt

3ly For the Town to agree upon and set a price upon the wood found by the Town for the Revd Nathan Stone the present Year or pass any Vote or Votes on the Same

4ly For the Town to Grant Liberty to the Center Squadron to draw there proportion of Money Granted at the annual meeting in march Last to hire a School Master or pass any Vote or Votes on the Same

5ly For the Town to allow all Just debts to whoom the Town is Justly Indebted ---

6ly For the Town to Chuse a Committe to Repair the Pound or pass any Vote or Votes on the Same

7ly For the Town to agree upon and Grant to the Widow Salter a Certain quantity of Wood for the Year Ensuing

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen att or before the time appointed for holding sd meeting

Dated at Southborough this 26th day of Sepr 1780

Joshua Smith T. Clk.

by Order of the Selectmen

In Obedience to this Warrant I have Justly Executed the same by Posting a Copy agreable to a Vote of this Town South borough Octr 3d 1780. Mr Hezekiah Fay Constable for Southboro

Octr 2d 1780 The met agreable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as follow-viz - - - - - - - - - - -

on ar 1 Voted to Send a Representative the present Year Then Chose Capt Seth Newton Representative

on ar 2d Chose Isaac Johnson Moderator

on ar 3d
Voted that the Wood found M.r Stone by the Town be Set at Thirty Pounds per Cord the present Year
Voted that Thirty Cord of Wood be Found and delivered the Revd. M.r Stone by the first of Jan.y next
Then Agreed upon and Granted £900 to be Assessed on the Polls and Ratable Estate in South boro for to Provide P. Wood. with
Voted that the Center Squadron be Impowered to draw there proportion of the money Granted for Schooling the Present Year
on ar. 4th.
Then Voted to Chuse a Committe of four Persons to Squadron out the money for the School and draw the money for the Center Squadrons part Then Chose Joshua Smith. Jonas Ball. Asahel Mathews and Mark Collins Junr. for Committe
on ar. 5th
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting for half an hour
The Town met accordingly to adjournment Proceeded to act as follow —
Then Voted to Chuse a Moderator — M.r Jaaz Johnson Moderator
Granted to the Selectmen £197 10
Granted to Benj.a Parker £15
Granted to Dos.r James Parker £80
on ar 6th
Voted to Chuse a Committe to Repair the pound
Voted P. Committe Consist of three.
Then Chose Jonas Ball Peter Brewer and Capt. Bellou
on ar 7th
Voted and Granted to the Widow Salter Three and half Cords of wood
Then Voted to dissolve the meeting
Jaaz Johnson Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss
To Messrs Hezekiah Fay or Benj.a Parker or Either of them Constables for Southborough — Greeting —
You are hereby forthwith Required In the Name of the Government and People of Massachusetts Bay, to Warn all the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants within the Town of Southborough Qualified by law to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble at the meeting House in Southborough on Monday the 23d day of Oct.r Current at One o Clock P. M to act on the Following Articles — viz —
First To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting
2ly As the Gen.l Assembly of this State have called upon the Town of Southborough for Sixty Thousand four Hundred and Eighty Pounds of Beef, to be Purchased & delivered to Agents appointed for the purpose of Receiving the Same. For the Town to Chuse a Committy to purchase and deliver the Same Agreable to the Resolve of the Gen.l Court for Raising Sd Beef. or to pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town Shall think fit when met and at an adjournment as the Town at this meeting Grant a Sum of money for the Purchasing the above Beef —
Town Clerk

3d } For the Town to procure Some place or places to Receive Beef Pork Grain &c that is to be Receivd in Leiu of hard money by the Constables for a Tax Levied on the Stable for Raising a Sum of hard Money, or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as they think best when met - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

4ly } For the Town to abate the Rates Set to Silas Newton in a Lift of Assesment Committed to Asahel More to Collect for the Year 1779 or pass any Vote or Votes on the Same as the Town think fit when met -

5ly } To See if the Town will make any allowance to the Revd Mr Stone for the Depreciation of Money on his Salary for the Year 1779 and make a Grant for the Same also to make a Reduction from s.d Grant of the Sum Mr. Stone has Receivd more than the Grant made for him the last Year, or pass any Vote or Votes on the Same as the Town think fit when met - - - -

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Select men att or before the time appointed for holding Said meeting
Dated at Southborough this
20th day of Octr. a.d. 1780.
by Order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss
In Obedeance to this Warrant I have fully Executed the Same by Posting a Copy of the Same Agreable to a Vote of the Town
Southborough Octr. 23. 1780. pr. Hezekiah Fay Constable - - -

Southborough Octr. the 23d. 1780. The Town met Agreable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as follows. viz

First Chose Lt. Elijah Brigham Moderator

1st art. } Voted to Chuse a Committe to procure the beef or money.
2 } Voted S.d Committe Consist of three
Then Chose Mr. Jonas Ball Majr. Champney & Joshua Smith Excepted by Vote
Then Chose Mr. Asa Johnson
Then Voted S.d Committe be Impowered to raise the money
Then Voted that S.d Committe be Impowerd to purchase the beef where they can get it Cheapest & Security in behalf of the Town
Then Voted to add one more to S.d Committe
Then Chose Heman Fay -

2d art. } Voted that the Town will not pay the Rates in hard money or any other article Set forth in the Tax bill
3 } Voted to Endemnifie the Constables in not collecting the Taxes
Then Voted to Reconsider all the Votes passed on this article

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Friday night att one O Clock P. M at this place Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Nov.r 3.d 1780 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows viz.

on ar.t 3.d Voted to Endemnifie the Constables till the first of Janry next

on ar.t 4.th Voted to pass over for the present

on ar.t 5.th Voted to make Mr. Stone some allowance for Last Year
Voted to and Granted the Rev.d Mr. Stone Three Hundred and fifty Pounds Exclusive of what he has Recivd that being about £150 more than was Granted him for 1779 — — — — £350 0 0

on ar.t 1.st Voted to Excuse Jonas Ball from Serving as Committe
Then Granted & Voted Ten Thousand Pounds £10000 £10000
for the use of the Town to be apsesed on the poles and Ratable Estate in South borough.
Then Chose Elisha Fay in the room of Mr. Ball
Then Voted to Dissolve this meeting

Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Messrs Hezekh Fay and Benj.a Parker or Either of them Constables for Southborough. Greeting

You are hereby forthwith Required In the Name of the Comonon Wealth of Massachusetts To warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabetants within the Town of South boro. Quallified Voters to assemble at the Meeting house in Southborough on Monday the forth day of Decemr next at one O Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz —

First To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting.

2ly For the Town to agree upon and Grant a Sum of money to pay the Soldiers that have been into the Service for the Town both the Six months men & those for three months, which have now returned from the Service of the Continent and those for Six months whose times are not Yet out. also for the Town to Chuse Some Person or Persons as Agents for the Town to pay the Soldiers as soon as the Money can be Collected & take their Receipts in full for the Town & Lodge their Receipts with the Treasurer for future Settlement or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town Shall think best when met — — — — — —

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Select men at or before the time appointed for holding said meeting

Dated at South borough this
20.th day of Nov.r a.d. 1780

by order of the Select men Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Decemr the 4.th 1780 In obediance to the within written Warrant I have warn.d all the Quallified Voters in South borough to assemble at time & place as Set forth in this Warrant by Posting a Copy hereof

Benj.a Parker Constable for South borough

Feb.y 7.th 1781 the Select men deposited in the hands of the Town Treasurer two Hundred Pounds in part for the Support Recd from the Gen.l Court the Support of Joseph Buck while in the Service.

Decem.r the 4th a.d. 1780. The Town being met according to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as follows viz

First Chose Nathan Bridges moderator

on art 2d Voted & Granted the Sum of Twenty four Thousand & Six Hundred Pounds £24600 —— to be assessed on the Polls and Ratable Estates in South borough for to pay Soldiers and Other Town debts with

Voted to Chuse Agents Voted to Chuse three persons Agents Then Chose Jonas Ball. Nathan Bridges and William Orr their Agents

Then Voted to dissolve this meeting. Nathan Bridges Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

To Messrs. Hezh. Fay and Benj.a Parker or Either of them Constables for South borough - Greeting

You are hereby forthwith Requir.d In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts. To warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants within the Town of South boro.gh Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in South borough on Tuesday the 26th day of Decem.r Instant at one O clock P.M. to act on the following articles - viz

First To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting

2ly For the Town to hear a Resolve of the Gen.l Court of this Common Wealth for Raising a Quantitie of beef for the Service of the United States. for the Town to Chuse a Committe for to purchase the beef or to pay the money in Lieu. of the beef.. or pass any Vote or Votes or Come into any measure they may think best for Raising P.d beef when met - and to continue this meeting by adjournment till the money can be Legally Granted for said beef

3ly For the Town to hear the orders sent to this Town for Raising Eleven men to Serve in the Continental army for three Years or during the War. For the Town to consider of the Same. and adopt some measures for Raising Said men as the Town may think best or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same in any or all the Clauses of Said act for Raising P.d men Either by Chusing a Committe to hire Said men or by Classing the Town out or any other method that shall be thought most Salutary to Effect the Raising P.d men

4ly For the Town to hear and Consider of the Petition or Request of the Proprietors of the Soil of a certain Tract of Land Commonly known by the Name of Framingham Logg or Fiddle neck. to See if the Town will agree to & accept of them and their lands if they can get annexed to South borough from Framingham or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as they may think best when met

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding P.d meeting

Dated at South borough this 21st day of Decem.r a.d. 1780

by order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith T. Clerk

Worcester ss
In obedience to this Warrant I have fully Executed the Same by Posting a copy agreable to a Vote of this Town
Southborough Decem.r 25.th 1780 Hezk.h Fay Constable

Southborough Decem.r the 26.th 1780 The Town met agreable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as follows viz - - -
1 Chose Lt. Elijah Brigham Moderator.
on ar. 2d Voted to comply with the Requisition of Court for Supplying beef
Voted to chuse a Committe to purchase Said beef.
Voted P. Committe Consist of three persons then Chose Heman Fay Jonas Ball & Maj.r Champney Excused by Vote. then Chose Capt. Elijah Bellows & Mark Collins 1st. Committe
on ar. 3d Voted to pass over for the present -
on ar. 4th Voted to pass over for the present
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday next at one o Clock P.M.
Elijah Brigham Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Jan.y the 8.t 1781 the Town met according to adjournment proceeded to act as follows - viz - - -

The Town took into Consideration the foregoing Petition and agreed to the following Vote viz -
Voted to accept of the Proprietors of the Lands of Framingham Log or Peddle Neck so called - to be annext to the Town of Southborough with their Lands as discribed by them in their Petition on the following Conditions. viz - - -

Voted that Said Committe be Impowered to procure the men upon the most Reasonable Terms they can and that it be left to their discretion.

on ar. 2d Voted to add two persons more to the Committe for Purchasing bel then Chose Elijah Brigham Excused by Vote
Willm Onthank } for Committe
Elisha Fay }
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to next week a Thursday at Two O Clock P. M.

Nathan Bridges Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

South boro. Febr 15th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment and proceeded to act as follows - viz

on ar. 3d Voted that the Town Treasurer Shall hire a Sum of money Sufficient to hire the Soldiers the Treasurer was Excused by Vote
Then Voted that Capt. Newton be an Agent for the Town to hire the money to Raise the Soldiers, and Commit the Same to the Committe already raised to hire the men Pd Committe to Dispose of the Same at their discretion
Then Voted that Pd Agent & Committe report their doings to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the Annual march meeting next.

Nathan Bridges Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

South borough March 5th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows. viz

on ar. 2d Voted that Joshua Smith be Impowered to borrow money and Give his Security in behalf of the Town for the Same
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Wednesday next at 2 O Clock P. M. at this place Attest Nathan Bridges Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

March the 7th 1781 the Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows - viz

on ar. 2d Voted that the Committe Proceed to hire the men, and that the Town Enable the Committe to pay fifty hard Dollers to Each man before they march.
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Friday next at 2. O Clock P. M. at this place Attest Nathan Bridges Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

March 9th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows - viz
Voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday next at 2. O Clock P. M to this place
Attest Nathan Bridges Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborough March 15th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows -- viz.
Voted to dismiss Docr Parker from Serving as a Committee man
Then Chose Heman Fay in his Room
Then Agreed upon and Granted the Sum of Three Hundred and Forty five Pounds £345 --
To be assessed on the Polls and Ratable Estates in Southborough
Sd Sum is made in Gold or Silver, and paid accordingly or in bill of Credit Current in this Commonwealth Equal in Value to Gold and Silver --
Voted that the Town Treasurer together with Joshua Smith be Impowered in behalf of the Town to Give the Soldiers Notes
Voted that the Assessors be desired to assess the above Sum as soon as may be
Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday In April Next at 4 O Clock P.M. at this place Nathan Bridges Modr
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborough April the 2d day 1781
The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows - viz
Voted to Pay the Soldiers Six months pay In Six months from the third of March Last that being the Seccond Note of fifty hard Dollers
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next may meeting all this place.
Att Nathan Bridges Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

May the 14th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment proceeded to act as follows viz Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to this day fortnight at 3 O Clock P.M. at this place
Nathan Bridges Modr
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

May 28th 1781 the Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows viz
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town meeting that be held
Nathan Bridges Modr
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

June the 28th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment proceeded to act as follows viz — Voted that the former Committe proceed to use their utmost Endeavor to procure the three delinquent men to Collect Voted that the Constables be directed to Exert themselves of the Committe the Hard money Tax as Soon as Possable for the benefit of the Town Clerk P.M.
Voted to adjourn this meeting to Next week a Thursday at 4
Nathan Bridges Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

July 5th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows viz — Voted that the former Committe Exert themselves to their utmost to procure the three men deficient
Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town meeting at 3 O Clock P.M.
Nathan Bridges Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

For the Remainder of the Proceedings on the Warrant Town Meeting to the 139th Page at the Bottom

Money put into the Treasurer £134.10.9

South borough March the 2d the Select men Put into the hands of the Treasurer one Hundred thirty five Pounds Ten Shillings & Nine pence being Part of a Sum Recev from the Genl Court for the Support of the Family of Joseph Buck - when he was in the Continental Army

Settlement With the Treasurer

At a meeting of the Select men South borough March 2d 1785 having Examined the accounts of Jonas Ball Treasurer for South borough; and find that he has been chargable with the Sum of Sixty four Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty nine Pound, Seventeen Shillings and 3: And that he has Produced Vouchers Shewing that he has paid out Forty two Thousand Three Hundred and Four Pounds one Shilling & 11 And that their now Remains in the hands of the Treasurer Twenty two Thousand & Sixty five Pounds Fifteen Shillings and 4. Exclusive of the Last Grant of Eighteen Thousand Pounds for Purchasing beef for the Service of the United States

~~£ 64369 - 17 - 3. Charged to the Treasurer~~
£ 42304 - 1 - 11. Treasurers Vouchers
£22065 - 15 - 4 Ballance in the Treasurers hands

Joshua Smith
Nathan Bridges
Will.m Oakman
Select men for South borough

Worcester ss
To Messrs Hezekiah Fay or Benjamin Parker or Either of them Constables for South borough - Greeting

You are hereby forthwith Required In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts to Warn all the Freholders and other Inhabitants within the Town of South borough Qualified to Vote In Town affairs to assemble att the meeting House in South borough on Monday the 5th day of March next att 9 o Clock before noon to act on the following articles - viz - - - - - - - - -

1st To Chuse a Moderator for Said meeting
2d To Chuse Town Officers for the Year Ensuing as the Law directs
3d To Chuse Some persons to Inspect the killing of deer Contrary to Law
4th To Chuse Grave diggers, Pound keeper and Some person to Sweep Lock and unlock the meting house the Year Ensuing
5th For the Town to agree upon and Grant a Sum of money to Repair high ways the Year Ensuing, and also State the Price of Labor done upon the Same for the Ensuing Year
6th To Chuse a Committe to hire a Schoolmaster the Year Ensuing

Turn Over

7th For the Town to agree upon and a Sum of Money to pay a School Master and other Town debts the year Ensuing

8th For the Town to Consider of and allow any Town debts to those to whom the Town is Justly Indebted — — — — — — — —

9th For the Town to Chuse a Committe to Squadron out the School the Year Ensuing if they See Cause — — — — — — — — —

10th For the Town to determine whether their Swine Shall run at Large the Ensuing Year — — — — — — — — — —

11th To See if the Town will abate the Rates of Silas Newton In a Lift of Assesment Commited to Ashel Moore to collect for the Year 1779

12th To See if the Town will Grant to Ashel Mathews Seth Newton. Gedion Newton. Joseph Graves. Zaccheus Witherbee Ebenr Richards. John Richards. John Prentice. and Richard Barnes them and their Heirs and Assigns Ground to Set Stables upon South of the Pound, or such other place as may be agreed upon by the Town and the Petitioners. Ps Ground to be Specified by them as to the Quantity at this meeting

13th To See if the Town will Chuse Collectors for the Year Ensuing or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town may think when met — also for the Town to Grant a Sum of money for the Constables the Year past for their Extraordinary Time and Trouble

14th To See if the Town Grant to Peter Brewer his Lift In a Jury to View the Road by the Widow Salters to his Land — — —

15th For the Town to hear the Report of a former Committe Chose by the Town to meet a Committe from the Town of Marlboro to State the Road from Joshua Newtons Bridge So called to the Farm Line, also to Establish the Line Betwen the Towns also to hear the Report of another Committe to find out how much Land their is to dispose of and make a Final Settlement of Said Road or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town think fit when met — — —

16th To See if the Town will Grant to Capt Nanthan Brigham Jonas Ball and Willm Onthank them and their Heirs and Assigns a peice of Ground to Set Stables on against the Southwest Corner of the Burying Yard — — — —

17th To See if the Town will abate the Rates of Semion Harry Set a Lift of Assesment Committed to Constable Fay to Collect the Present Year — — — — — — — — — —

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen att or before the time appointed for holding s.d Meeting

Dated att South Borough this 19th day of Feby 1781 } by order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss In Obedience to this Warrant I have fully Executed the Same by Posting a Copy of the Same agreable to Vote of this Town Feby the 26th 1781 Hezkh Fay } Constable for South Borough

Southborough March 5th 1781 The Town met agreable to the foregoing Warrant. Proceed to act as follows - viz -

Chose Lt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator
Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

March 5th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows viz -

Selectmen: Joshua Smith, Elijah Brigham, Nathan Bridges, Willm Unthank, Asahel Mathews

Town Clerk Joshua Smith

Constables: Moses Brues, John Richards

Assessors: Solomon Newton, Doc.r James Parker, Jonas Ball

Town Treasurer - Jonas Ball

Tything men: Reuben Fay, Nathan Bridges x, Capt Bellows, Elisha Fay 7 day x

Field Drivers: Joseph Tuttle x, Josiah Fay x

Surveyors of high ways & Collectors of the money to Repair the Same: Josiah Fay, Elisha Fay, Ezra Taylor, Granted Ezra Newton Jun.r Except, Richard Barnes 7 day

Sealer of Leather: John Bellows

Fence Viewers: Aaron Fay, Robert Horne x

Hogg Reeves: Ingbridge Taylor x, Abner Ward, Robert Horne x, Silas Ball x

on ar.t 2d: Abel Chamberlain, Elijah Johnson

on ar.t 3d: Grace Beggers - Benjamin Smith, Jonas Woods

on ar.t 4th: Poundkeeper Joshua Smith

Keeper of the Meting House: Nicho.s Hopping

Then Voted to over to the 13th ar.t first Clause in the article it being tryed passed in the Negative

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Wednesday next at one O Clock P. M. at this place

Elijah Brigham Mod.r
Joshua Smith T. Clerk

Recorded by Joshua Smith T. Clerk

March 7th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows - viz -

on ar.t 2d: Voted to Excuse Elijah Brigham and Joshua Smith from Serving as Selectmen

Voted to Excuse Jonas Ball from Serving as Treasurer

Then Chose Heman Fay x Mark Collins Jun.r x Selectmen

Town Treasurer Nathan Bridges

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Friday Next at one O Clock P. M. at this place

Elijah Brigham Mod.r

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Turn Over

March the 9th 1785 The Town met according To adjournment Proceeded to act as follows - viz -

on ar. 5th — Agreed upon and Granted the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds £4000 — To Repair high way the year Ensuing to be assessed upon the poler and Ratable Estates In Southborough

Voted that from the 15th of May to the 15 of Sept. Labor be Forty Dollers per day Old Emision or Equivilent in the new and from and after the 15th of Sept. next Thirty Dollar per day

on ar. 6th — Voted to Chuse a Committe Voted Said Committe Consist of three Persons Then Chose Jonas Ball Elijah Brigham & Solomon Newton Committe

on ar. 7th — Agreed upon and Granted the Sum of Twelve Thousand Pounds £12000 — Old Emision to be assessed upon the poly and Ratable Estates in Southborough to pay a School Master and other Town Debts

on ar. 8th —

Granted Joshua Smith	£ 151 ~ 10 ~ 0
Granted Wm. Cuthank	94 ~ 10 ~ 0
Granted Dca. Fay	61 ~ 10 ~ 6
Granted Jonas Ball	180 ~ 0 ~ 0
Granted Thomas Stone	54 ~ 0 ~ 0
Granted Nathan Bridges	60 ~ 0 ~ 0
Granted Isaac Johnson	371 ~ 10 ~ 3
Granted Hemen Fay	51 ~ 12 ~ 0
Granted Jon. Champney	51 ~ 12 ~ 0
Granted John Printice	532 ~ 10 ~ 0
Granted Jonas Ball for depreciation	90 ~ 0 ~ 0
Granted James Parker	60 ~ 0 ~ 0
Granted Nathan Bridges	405 ~ 0 ~ 0
Granted James Parker	309 ~ 0 ~ 0
Granted Ashel Moore	64 ~ 0 ~ 0
Granted Nathan Bridges	1 ~ 4 ~ 0
Total	£2,537 ~ 18 ~ 9

on ar. 9th — Voted to Chuse a Committe to Consist of five persons to Squadron out the School Then Chose Jonas Ball Ashel Mathews, Joshua Smith, Elijah Brigham & Solomon Newton for Committe

on ar. 10th — Voted that their Swine do Run at Large the Year Ensuing

on ar. 11th — Abated Silas Newtons Rates being £10 ~ ~

on ar. 12th — Voted to pass over Finally

Sixth Clause passed in the Negative

on ar. 13th — Voted that the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds £300 be allowed to Each of the Constables for their Extraordinary time and Trouble the Year Past

on ar. 14th — Passed In the Negative

on ar.t 2d — Voted to Excuse Moses Bruce from Serving Constable the present Year, he then Publickly Engaged to the Town that Next Year he would Serve the Town in Person as Constable or by hiring a man to Serve in his room to the Acceptance of the Town for Constable — — — — — — — —

Then Chose Nethaniel Fay Constable

David Newton was duly appointed Sealer of Weights & Measures by the Select men and Constable and Sworn

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday Next at one O Clock P. M.

Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

March the 15th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows — viz — — — — — —

on ar.t 2d — Nethaniel Fay Refused to Serve as Constable The Then brought in their Votes of Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester. Mr. Nathan Baldwin was Unanamously Chosen 122 Votes

Nethaniel Fay then Tendered £5 - New Emision for his fine which was not accepted by the Town as a fine from him said. Nethaniel then took his money again.

Said. Nethaniel Fay was Called upon to take his Oath which was Said. Nethaniel Fay was Called upon to take his Oath which he absolutely Refused Endorced to him by Justice Ward. which he absolutely Refused to take Then the Moderator demanded the Fine agreeable to Law.

Then the Town proceeded to the choice of A New Constable Chose Peter Brewer. Then Voted to Excuse Peter Brewer Then Chose Joah Newton — Then Voted to Excuse Joah Newton Then Voted to wave the Choice of a Constable for a Short time

Voted to Excuse Nethaniel Fay from Serving as Constable and not Exact the fine of him

Then Chose Reuben Fay Constable. he then hired Paul Newton — The Town then Excepted of Paul Newton to Serve as Constable In the Room of Reuben Fay — — — —

The Town then Voted that at the End of the Year the Town Grant a Reasonable allowance to the Constables for their Extraordinary time and Trouble

on ar.t 15th — The following Report was laid before the Town by the former Committee and accepted and Established by Vote of the Town — viz

We the Subscribers being Legally Chosen Committee for the Towns of Marlborough and South Borough for the purpose of Settling the Line Between said Towns from Joshua Newtons bridge So called to the Farm Line and also to State the high Way on or near Sd line as would best Accomidate — Pursuant to our appointment we met for the above mentioned Purpose July the 7th 1779 and Mutually agreed to Settle the Line as Followeth — viz —

Turn Over

Beginning at Said Bridge & Running as the Road is now Trod 28 Rods & there Erected a heap of Stones about 2 Rods Eastt of a large Red Oak Tree In the Westt corner Ezekiel Newtons Land — then Running Nearly Eastt 12 Rods then made another Heap of Stones — then Running South Eatterly 32 Rods and Erected another heap of Stones nearly against the South End of the Meadow — then Running nearly Eastt 13 Rods and made another heap of Stones on the hight of the ground — then Running Nearly the Same course 27 Rods to a large Rock in the Middle of the now trod way — then running as the Rode is now trod 57 Rods to a large Rock in the Middle of the Trod way — it being an ancient Monument Between Sd Town & always renewed & the whole lenght of Sd line is 169 Rods Said Line to be Streight from Monument to Monument Said line was agreed to to be as near the old Trod way which was the Town Line as could be ascertained

Then Proceeded to State the Road by Joint agreement of both Parties where the Land would best accomidate & be the least expense to maintain, also Agreed that Said Rode be Two Rods wide, Thair being formerly left by the propriety Six Rods for a Way, and the Town of Marlborough have laid out one & half Rods on the Northerly Side of Sd Land for a road — then agreed that Southborough Lay out one Rod on the Southerly Side of Said Rod & half, both Towns to be at Equal Expence in Maintaining Said Road, also further agreed that if Neck of the Road fell Into South borough that Marlborough Pay to South borough an Equal Proportion of what Land they have to dispose of on the Northerly Side of Said Road to make good one half of Said Rode — [illegible]

The Road Stated as follows — viz — Beginning at a Red Oak Tree in the most Westerly corner of Ezekiel Newtons Land to be the Northerly bound — then the Town line to be the Northerly bound to the 2d Monument above mentioned, then a heap of Stone about two & half Rods north of the Widd Mary Newtons now Dwelling house then a Straight line to the monument Mentioned against the Meadow, from thence four Rods to a heap of Stone about 2 Rods South of the Town line — then a Straight Line to the Monument Mentioned on the hight of Ground, thence to the first Mentioned Rock in the Rode — from there as the Road is now trod from the first Mentioned Bound to the first Mentioned Rock all to be the Northerly Bound of the Road —

Dated July the 7th 1779

Joshua Smith } Comm.te for Southborough
Jonas Ball
Nathan Bridges

Edward Hunter } Committe for Marlborough
Hezekiah Maynard
Munnings Edwin

upon the Verbal Report of the Latter Committe
The Town then Voted the following Vote viz

Voted to and Granted to the Heirs of Joshua Newton and their assigns any and all the Common Lands formerly laid out by the Proprietors of Marlborough for a high way Said Heirs and assigns to have & to hold all the Land Southerly of the Road above Stated. and are now bounded by Said Road

on ar. 16th Voted to Jonas Ball William Onthank Nathan Brigham 3d and Amos Newton Junr. to them & their Heirs and Assigns Land to Set Stables on 12 feet wide Southerly of the Burying Yard and as far in Length as to Parralel with the West wall of the Byrying yard, and Join to the other Stables

on ar. 17th Voted to abate all the Rates Sett to Senion Harry in Several Lift of assesment not paid

Voted that Joshua Smith be Joined with the Selectmen to Transfer the Treasurer Jonas Ball to Nathan Bridges

on ar. 2. Chose Majr. Champney Excused
John Bellows Field
Ezra Newton Drivers
hogg James Onthank
Moses Brown X
Juah Newton in the room of James Onthank

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the firs Monday in April. Next at one O clock P. M. at this place

Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

April the 2d day 1701 The Town met according to adjourment Proceeded to act as follows. viz

on ar. 8th Granted to Jedidiah Parker £ 46-19- for 3 cord & 2 feet of wood found for Samuel Hudson
Granted To James Williams £9 — for Sleding Ten feet of wood to Samuell Hudson
Granted Asahel Moore £ 2 6 5 s 2 — for making Rates

Then Put up Gedion Bellows to board the Gear Ensuing to the lowest bidder Struck of to John Prentice for three Pecks of Indian Corn per week or the price of the corn in money then put up the burying for the Gear Ensuing to the highest bidder Struck of to Nathan Bridges for 8 Shillers the old Emision and to mow the Bushes

The Town Officers for the Gear Ensuing being being duly Sworn Except those with this X mark

The Town Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Messrs John Richards and Paul Newton or Either of them Constables for Southborough — Greeting

You are hereby forthwith Requird In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants within the Town of Southborough Quallified by Law to Vote for Governor Lt Governor & Persons to Serve as Councillors & Senators to assemble at the meeting House In Southboro on Monday the 2d day of April next at one O Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles viz

II For the Town to bring in their Votes for Governor Lt Governor and for Persons to Serve as Councillors and Senators the Year Ensuing agreable to the Constitution

24 To Chuse a Moderator for the Remaining business of the Warrant

34 For the Town to chuse a Committe to Settle with some of the former Constables that have not Settled with Mr Stone upon the wood Rate. or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town may think fit when met

44 For the Town to chuse a Committe to provide for Samuel Hudson & Wife or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town think fit

54 For the Town to hear and accept of a List of Jurors to be laid before them by the Select men

64 To See if the Town will Grant to Ezekiel Collins Mark Collins Junr & Others Lotters their Heirs and asigns Ground to Set Stables on West of the Meeting House as Shall be by them discribed

74 To See if the Town will Chuse a Committe whose business Shall be to Execute any or all Requisitions of the Gen. Court that Shall be directed to the Select men or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Select men at or before the time appointed for holding said meeting

Dated at Southborough this 22d day of March a.d. 1781

By order of the Select men Joshua Smith } Clerk

In Obediance to the within Warrant I have warned all the Inhabitants of the Town Quallified for Voteing by Posting a Copy of Warrant agreable to a Vote of the Town for that purpose

John Richards Constable

March 26th 1781

Southborough April the 2d 1785 The Town met Agreable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as follow-th viz-

on ar.t 1 Votes were as follow-th for Governor His Excellency John Hancock Esqr. 26 Votes
The Hon.le Thomas Cushing Esqr for L.t Goonor 24 Votes
For Councillors & Senators Votes as as follow-s viz ----
1 Samuel Baker Esqr 23 Votes
2 Hon.le Seth Washburn Esqr 23 Votes
3 Hon.le Israel Nichols Esqr. 17 Votes
4 Brig.r Jon.a Warner 19 Votes
Joshua Smith - - 18 Votes

on ar.t 2 Chose Lt Elijah Brigham Moderator

on ar.t 3 Voted to Chuse a committe Voted said committe consist of Three persons Then Chose Isaac Johnson Nathan Bridges and William Forbush, a Committ to Settle with the Ex.tt Stubbs

on ar.t 4 ~~Accepted of the List of Jurors~~ Passed In the Negative

on ar.t 5.th Accepted of the List of Jurors -

on ar.t 6.th Voted to chuse a Committe to Stake the Ground out Chose Isaac Johnson Majr Champney & Jonas Ball. upon their Report Voted as follows viz-
Voted To Ezekiel Collins. Mark Collins Junr. Majr Champney Lt Chamberlain. Nathan Fay and Richard Barnes to them and their Heirs and assigns forever. Land to set Stables on 24 feet in length & 11 feet in width Joining to the Ground formerly Granted to Samuel Lyscom & Running that length to the West in Parralel Lines with that Stable Ground -

on ar.t 7.th Passed In the Negative
Then Voted to disolve this meeting
Att Elijah Brigham Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

The following in is the Remainder of a Town meeting brought from Page 130th
July the 23d 1785 The Town met according to adjournment and Proceeded to act as follows viz -
Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 20.th of Aug.t next at 3 Clock P.M. at this place Nathan Bridges Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Aug.t 20.th 1785 The Town met according to Adjournment Proceeded to act as follows viz

Then Voted to disolve this meeting Nathan Bridges Mod.r
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Messrs John Richards or Paul Newton or Either of them Constables for South borough — Greeting

You are hereby forthwith Required In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts. To warn all the free holders & other Inhabitants Within the Town of South borough Quallified by Law to Vote for a Representative to Assemble at the meeting house In South borough on Monday the 14th day of May Current at one O Clock P. M. to act on the following particles I. viz — — — — —

I To Chuse Some person to Represent the Town in the Great and Gen. Court the Year Insuing to be holden at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Current; or act thereon as the Town think fit when met — — — — — —

2ly To Chuse a Moderator for the Remaining business of the Warrant

3ly For the Town to provide for Samuel Hudson for the future or put him out to board to Such Person as will take him at the lowest price; or act thereon as the Town think fit when met

4ly To See if the Town will abate the Rates Set to Jason Fay In a List of Assessment Committed to Benjamin Parker to Collect for the Year. 1780 — — — — — — — —

5ly For the Town to make a further Grant for a Compensation to the Constables for the Year 1780 or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town Shall think fit when met — —

6ly To See if the Town will Grant to Mahel Mathews Isaacheus Wether by and others to them & their Heirs Ground to Set Stables on South of the Pound. to have the Stone wall moved So far to the East as to have the Stables and East Wall of the pound Stand in a Parralel line

7ly For the Town to hear the Request of Ruth Amsden for Some Relief from the Town: for the Town to Chuse a Committe to take care and Provide for her. and Secure for the Town all that can be got of the person by Whom Shee is Pregnant: or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as they think fit when met — — —

8ly To See if the Town will Grant to Peter Brewer an amount that Shall be Exhibited by him to the Town without any further Cost to the Town. or act thereon as the Town think fit when met — — — —

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting —

Dated at South Borough this 4th day of May A.D. 1781 — } by Order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clk

In Obediance to the within, I have Warned all the free holders & other of this Town Quallified to Vote To Assemble at the meeting House on Monday the 14th day of May Current att One O Clock P. M. by Posting a Copy agreeable to the within warrant.

Paul Newton } Constable of South borough

Southborough May the 14th 1781

The Town met agreable to the foregoing Warrant & Proceeded to act as follow: viz

on ar: 1 Voted to Chuse a person to Represent the Town the Year Ensuing & give him Such Instructions as the Town Shall after agree upon. Then Chose Joshua Smith & Caused him by Vote. then Chose Capt Seth Newton Representative

Voted to Chuse Committe to prepare Instructions for the Representative

Voted to Chuse Committe Consist of three Persons then Chose Jonas Wall Joshua Smith & Solomon Newton Committe

on ar: 2d Chose Joshua Smith Moderator

on ar: 3d Samuel Hudson Exhibited the following through the hands of the Select men

To the Gen.t Selectmen of the Town of Southborough Gent.n after Returning the Town hearty thanks for past favors Shewd me in their Providing for me and my Wife I understand the Town have not Chosen a Committe to Provide for me any longer and by Reason of Age and other Infirmities I cannot Subsist any longer without the Charity of the Town, therefore I now though Reluctantly am Constrained to throw my Self upon the Town for my Support, In Such way and manner as they in their Wisdom Shall think most Convenient, I am willing to Labor what I can under my Infirmities towards my Support. I only want Relief for my Self, my Wife and Daughter desire none for them so long as they Enjoy the blessing of Health, I therefore Submit my Self to you for my Support and hope I Shall Receive your favor Gratefully I Remain your Obed.t Dest.ressed Ser.t Samuel Hudson

Southborough April 9th 1781

Then the Town passed the following Votes viz

Voted to put Samuel Hudson out to the lowest Bidder till the annual March meeting next

Voted to Chuse a Committe of three persons to make a further Enquirery into the Effects of Samuel Hudson then Chose Asahel Mathews Peter Brewer & Jonas Newton Jun.r for Committe

then at the adjournment 28th day further acted on this article viz

Voted to Reconsider all the Votes passed on this article

Voted to Chuse a Committe of three persons to take care of & provide for Samuel Hudson Such Cloaths as he may Stand in need of and put him out to the best advantage to the Town, and Exhibit their account to the Town for payment. Then Chose Benjamine Meker Peter Brewer & Deac.n Newton for Committe

Then Voted to pass over to the 7th article

Ruth Arnsden then Exhibited to the Town by the Selectmen men the following Petition viz

on art: 7th To the Gent.n Selectmen of the Town of Southborough

Gent.n by Reason of the difficulties I Labor under being with Child, I am unable to provide for my Self, therefore I now though Reluctantly am Constrained to throw my Self upon the Town for some help, in Such way and manner as they in their Wisdom Shall think most Convenient, I am willing to Labor what I can under my difficulty towards my Support I therefore Submit my Self to you for my Support & hope I Shall Receive your favor Gratefully, I Remain your Obedient Dest.ressed Ser.t

Ruth Arnsden

Southborough May 4th 1781

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on ar. 7th Voted to Chuse a Committe of three persons to take care of and provide for Ruth Amsden and also In behall of the Town to Prosecute take & Receive what they can Get of the Person by whom S. Ruth is with Child; and Carry the cause to a final Issue according to Law; and Either two of them to be Agents or Committe for the Town; then Chose W.m Ormsbee Nathan Bridge & Jones Ball Agents or Com.ee

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to this day fortnight at one O Clock P.M. at this place attest Joshua Smith Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborough May the 28th 1785 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows. viz ——— ——— ———

on ar. 4th Voted to abate the Rates Set to Jason Fay being In three Rates a Town County & State Rates £ 77 - 16 -

on ar. 5th Voted to & Granted five Hundred Dollers old Emision to Each of the Last Year Constables as a further Compensation for their Extraordenary time & trouble £ 300 ———

on ar. 8th the Committe appointed by the Town to prepare Instructions for the Representative Presented the following Instructions which had Several Readings, and was then Voted and delivered to Capt. Seth Newton for the Rule of his Conduct in Defence of the Town ———

To Capt. Seth Newton Representative for the Town of Southborough ——

Sir — We your Constituent beg leave Humbly to lay before you the following Instructions for the Rule of your conduct while you are attending at the Great & Gen.l Court ———

Allways bearing in our mind a deep Seince of the Publick good Peace, and Happyness of this Common Wealth, att the Same time Tenacious of our Rights, and Expenditures of the publick monies; and having long view'd the Setting of the Great & Gen.l Court In the Metropolies of this Common Wealth, to be a Publick Injury to its Constituents; from Various Reasons. viz ——— First Oftentimes too Great and warm has been the disputes between the Landed Interest & that of Trade whereby we humbly Conceive that when the House has been in Such disputes the Interest of the Publick has not been the Ultimate dispute, Each Seperate Interest Contendiny for its own advantage, and as we Humbly Conceive, great advantages are taken by the absence of Members from the Country & Constant Insinuations Instilled into the minds of Such as can be Influenced upon by the Opposite Side, Which has unhappyly Created a Jealosy between the Town & Country which ought not to Subsist in that Great Assembly ———

24 by Members two many of them Chosen into the Gen.l Court that are men of trade and whose Interest are much Connected in Town. who do not care fully attend the Busness of their appointment; but are Transacting busyness for themselves, In their Constituents time and pay. to the Retarding of Publick busyness, for their own Emolument, when their whold time ought to be devoted for the Gen.l Good. Various Instances might be mentioned but let these Suffice — and for the Remedying these Evils; You Sir are Instructed to use your utmost Influence as Soon as the Gen.l Court is Convened and the several Elections are made for the Ensuing Year, to have the Great and Gen.l Court Removed from the Metropolis of this Common Wealth to Some Convenient place in the Country where Every Branch of that Assembly may have a quiet Retreat from the noise & Confusions of the Capital of this Common Wealth & all the branches be wholly of that assembly devoted to their Several appointments; which is their duty and their Constituents Expectation; and after you have used your utmost Endeavor in Such way and manner as to you Shall appear most Salluatary to Effect the Removal of the Court & Cannot obtain the Same you are further Instructed to Return to your Constituent and to Remain under their Immediate direction — — — — —

on a 6th Voted to and Granted To Asahel Mathews Gracehead Witherby & others to them and their Heirs & Assigns for Ever Ground to Set a Stable on South of the Pound, they to move the Stone Wall from where it now Stands far East as that their Stable which is to be forty Eight feet in Length and usual Wigth; the back Side of the Same and the East Wall of the Pound may Stand in a Parralel line.

on a 8th Passed in the Negative

Then Voted to Dissolve this meeting

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Messrs John Richards and Paul Newton or Either of them Constables for South borough — Greeting — — — —

You are hereby forthwith Required In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants within the Town of South borough Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting House in South borough on Thursday the 28th day of June Current at 3 O Clock P.M. then and there on the following articles viz — — — — —

First To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting

2.ly For the Town under their destitute Circumstances under the late Dispensation of Providence in the Removal of our late Revd Pastor, to See if the Town will Unite with the Church, in appointing a day of Prayer and Fasting for the Sanctification of our late loss in the Death of our Revd Pastor and Direction in the Choice of another Man to Settle in the Ministry in due time, and for the Town to Chuse a Committee to Hire Some person to Preach amongst us, and agree upon Some Measure to come into in Regard to Preaching & also to provide Some place to board Such Person or Persons that we Engage to Supply the Desk, or to agree upon any measure or Measures or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same, also to Continue this meeting by adjournment till the Town can legally grant money to pay the Funeral Charges of the Late Revd Nathan Stone, and for hiring Preaching, or act upon any or all the Clauses hereof as they Shall think fit when met

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for Holding Said Meeting

Dated at South borough this 23d day of June a. d. 1781

by Order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith T. Clerk

I have fully Executed the within Warrant by Posting a Copy of the Warrant agreeable to a Vote of the Town for that purpose South borough June 28th 1781 John Richards Constable — —

South borough June the 28th 1781 The Town met agreeable to the fore going Warrant Proceeded to act as follows — viz —

First Chose Lt Elijah Breytham Moderator — —

2d Voted To Join with the Church In appointing a day of Fasting and desire the assistance of the Neighboring Ministers In Performing the Exercises of Said day

Voted that Thursday the 12 day of July next be Set apart as a day of Prayer & Fasting agreeable to the article in the Warrant — — — —

Voted to Send to Seven of the Neighboring Ministers to attend the Fast

Voted to Send to the following Ministers - viz — Revd Mr Parkman, Revd Mr Bridge, Revd Mr Bigelow, Revd Mr Sumner, Revd Mr Whitney Revd Mr Fitch, Revd Mr Kellogg — —

Voted that Joshua Smith make Entry of the Same for the Ministers

Voted to Chuse a Committee of five Persons to hire Preaching

Then Chose Col Ward, Jacob Johnson, Stay Thurston, Elijah Breytham Joshua Smith & Mr Thurston Committee Elijah Breytham Moderator

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Thursday Next at 5 O Clock P.M. at this place Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

July 5th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows viz
The Moderator being absent the Select men opened the meeting
The then made Choice of Nathan Bridges for Moderator
Voted that the Committe for Hireing Preaching be desired to wait upon the Ministers after the Fast, and desire their advice in Some Gent. to apply to for to Preach with us.
also to Return the thanks of the Town, for their assistance and Labor of Love to us on Said day —
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the Next Town meeting at 4 O Clock P.M.
Nathan Bridges Moder
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

July 11th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment proceeded to act as follows viz —
Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday 7 night at 5 O Clock P.M. at this place
Nathan Bridges Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

July 23d 1781 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows — viz
Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 20th day of August next at 2. O Clock P.M.
Nathan Bridges Moder
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Aug.t 20th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment proceeded to act as follows viz
Granted to Jon.a Lard & Joshua Smith — £9 - 9 - 10
on acc.t } Granted to the Heirs at Law of the Rev.d Nathan Stone
2d } In Silver or money the Funeral Charges of the Rev.d — £50 - 0 -
Then Agreed upon and Granted the Sum of —
in Silver money to be assessed upon the Polls and Ratable Estate in South Borough for the Purpose of Hireing Preaching & paying the Ministers boarding —
Then Voted to Dissolve this Meeting
Nathan Bridges Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss — To Mess.rs John Richards or Paul Newton or either of them Constables for Southborough — Greeting
You are hereby forthwith Required in the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts, To warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants within your respective District Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting House in Southborough on Wednesday the 18th day of this Instant July at 3. O Clock. P.M. to act on the following articles. viz —

First To Chuse a Moderator for Said meeting

2ly For the Town to hear a Requisition Sent to the Town for a quantity of beef. to Chuse a Committe to purchase the Same or procure the Same. in any other way or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town Shall think fit when met

3ly For the Town to hear a Requisition Sent to the Town for Procuring a Quantity of Cloathing for the Continental Army and Chuse a Committee to procure the Same, or Give Such directions to the Selectmen as they Shall think fit when met or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same

4ly For the Town to hear the Orders Sent to the Town of Southborough for Nine men to March Emediately to Head Quarters for the Town to Come into Some measure to Raise the Same, and also to pay the Same, For the Town to chuse a Committe both to hire the men & also to pay the Same. or come into any measure or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town Shall think fit when met

5ly For the Town to Chuse a new Committe or add Some to the former Committe to Provide for Samuel Hudson or act thereon as the Town may think fit when met

6ly To See if the Town will abate the Rates Set to Reuben Fay for Silas Hudson in a Lift of Assessment Committed to Benj.n Parker to Collect for 1780 and Continue this meeting by adjournment till the money Can be Legally Granted for the purposes above mentioned

7ly For the Town to come into Some measure that the Town Shall agree upon, for the Depreciation of money to Such Persons as the Town are Indebted to, or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town Shall agree upon when met

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding Said meeting
Dated att Southborough this 9th day of July a. d. 1781
By order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clerk

I have fully Executed the within Warrant Southborough July 11th 1781
John Richards Constable

In Obediance to the within I have Warned all the freeholder and other Inhabitants belonging to my District Agreeable to the within Warrant Southborough July 11. 1781
Paul Newton Constable for Southborough

At July the 11th 1781 The Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as follows viz —
First Chose Lt Elijah Brigham moderator
on art 2d Voted to comply with the Requisition for beef — Voted to Chuse a Committe of three person to purchase the Beef — Then Chose Jonas Ball & Mark Collin. Just Excused by Vote) Majr Champney & Lt Hezekh Fay - for Committe
on art 3d Passed over
on art 4th & 5th Voted that the Offecirs proceed & agree with the men for the most Reasonable terms they can — Voted to Excuse Hemah Fay Daniel Johnson. Moses Bruce, Isaac Johnson & Deacon Newton
Voted to Chuse a Committe of five persons to hire money & pay the Soldiers for the future — Then Chose Isaac Johnson - Robert Fay. John Johnson. Colo Jona Ward and Samuel Hovey
on art 5th Voted to Excuse Deac Newton - Voted to add one to the Committe — Then Chose John Johnson
Voted to adjourn this meeting to next Monday Night att 4. O Clock P.M. att this place. Elijah Brigham Moderator —
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

July 23d 1781 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows viz — Elijah Brigham the Modr being absent the Selectmen open'd the meeting. The Town then made Choice of Isaac Johnson Modr
on art 6th Passed in the Negative
on art 7th Voted to chuse a Committe of five Persons who shall take into Consideration & adjust all the money Lent to the Town at various times in the course of the Year back also to all to whom the Town is Indebted and for the Committe to Consolidate the Same to Silver money, at the Several times the money was Lent & due make a Report at a future meeting of the doings — Then Chose Solomon Newton, Joshua Smith. Jonas Ball Heman Fay and Lt Hezh Fay Committe —
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 20th day of Augt next at One O Clock P.M. Isaac Johnson Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Augt 20th 1781 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows viz —
on art 6 Committe Reported that the Several Sums due from the Town be paid in Specie at the Rate of one hard Dollar for 75 Paper dollars — The Town then agreed upon and Granted the Sum of £351.4.0 In Silver money to be assessed on the pole and Rateable Estates in Southboro and for Beef Cloathing and for Soldiers & other Town debts, the following Sums £135 - £115 - £45.4 - £56 - Total £702.8

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or art 7 — The Committe further Reported that the old Town debts so far as had been brought in to them when Reduced to Silver money is £ — — — — — — £312. 2. 4

The Town then agreed upon and Granted the Sum of £312. 2. 4 In Silver money to be assessed on the Polles and Rable Estates in South borough — — —

Then Voted that Constables Fay and Parker go on and Compleat the Gathering their Rates In Orders on the Treasurer or Notes against the Town and in the New Emision

Then Voted to dissolve this meeting

Isaac Johnson Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Messrs John Richards or Paul Newton Constables for South borough or Either of them — Greeting

You are Required In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts, to warn all the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants qualified for Voting in Town meeting to meet at the meeting House in s.d South borough on Monday the 15th day of this Instant at 3. O Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz

First To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2d To See if the Town will direct the assessors to assess the former Paper money Grants that have not been assessed in hard money or the Town to pass any Vote or Votes on the same as the Town think fit when met

3d To See if the Town will Send Capt. Seth Newton as our Representative to the Great and Genl Court of this State the Remaining part of this Session. or the Town to act theron as they think fit when met.

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doing theron to the Select men at or before the time of holding said meeting

South borough Octr 10th 1781

Abel Mathews
Willm Onthank
Heman Fay
Mark Collins Junr
} Select men for South boro

South borough Octr 15th 1781 The Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as follows viz — — — — — —

First Chose Lt Elijah Brigham Moderator ——

on art 2d Agreed to direct the assessors to assess the Sum of one Hundred Pounds Lawfull money in hard money to be assessed on the Polles and Ratable Estates in South borough which Sum is to pay a School Master & other Town debts, and was Granted at the annual meeting in March last in paper money, and Reduced to hard money — is — £100 and the assessors are accordingly directed to assess the same by Vote of the Town —

look to next page for the Remainder

on art. 3. The Vote being put to See if the Town will Send Capt Seth Newton Representative the present & future Session. it passed in the Negative — — —

Southborough Novr 12th 1781 The Town agreeable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as follows - viz - - - - - - - -

First Chose Docr James Parker Moderator.

on ar 2d
- Voted to Chuse a Committe to hire the three delliquent men then Chose Capt Winchester, John Johnson & Jonas Ball for Committe
- Voted that the above Committe be Impowerd to hire the money and give their Security in behalf of the Town
- Voted to pass over this article for the present - - - - -

on ar 3d
- agreed upon and Granted five cord of Wood for the Widows Salter, Then Chose Lt Onthank to procure the same -

on ar 4th
- Passed in the Negative - -
- Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 19th Current at one O Clock P.M.

James Parker Moderator -

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk - - -

Novr 19th 1781 the Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows viz - - - -

on ar 1st
- Voted to Chuse a Committe of three Persons to procure as much money as they can for the purpose of Raising the three men - - Then Chose Lt Willm Onthank Jr John Johnson & Daniel Johnson
- Then Voted that the Constables Exert themselves in Collecting the Rates, and that they attend the next meeting and bring as much money as they can get - - - - - - - - - -

on ar 2d
- Mr Onthank made application that a price be Set to the wood Granted the Widow Salter; it was then put up at Vendue to see who would get it Cheapest. and struck of to Nathan Bridges for Six Shilling per Cord - - - -

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to next Thursday at one O Clock at this place

Attt James Parker Modr

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Novr 22d 1781 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows viz - - - - -

on ar 1st
- Voted to adjourn this meeting to next monday night att one O Clock P.M. at this place

Attt James Parker Modr

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Decemr the 3d 1781 The Town met according to adjournment proceeded to act as follows - viz - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Then Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attt James Parker Modr

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

We the Subscribers hereby Certify that having Engaged and Inlisted ourselves as Soldiers in the Publick Service for the Town of Southborough in the County of Worcester for and during the Term of three months agreeable to a Resolve of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts dated June 30th 1781 have Respectively Received of and from the said Town of Southbo as a Fine or Bounty, paid to Each of us for Inlisting as aforesaid, Viz Fifty two Silver dollers being fifteen Pounds twelve Shillings Lawfull money in Silver perbman, and are to Draw and have the pay allowed as Wages by a Resolve of said 30th of June 1781 to said Soldiers over and above said hire or Bounty as Witness our hands July 18: 1781

Joseph Ball
John Biglow
Ebenzer × Peirce
mark.
Paul Biglow
Calvin Keyes
James Writon
John Parker

test Isaac Johnson

A True Copy from the Original Recorded
by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Mr John Richards and Paul Newton or Either of them Constables for Southborough — Greeting — — —

5ly To See what Measures the Town will Take Respecting the Town Tages in old Emission, and give the Treasurer Such directions as the Town Shall think best when met, and pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town think fit - - - - - - -

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Dated at Southborough this 21st day of Decem. a.d. 1781

By Order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith T. Clk

I have fully Executed the within Warrant. John Richards Constable
Southborough Decem.r 27th 1781

I have fully Executed the within Warrant Paul Newton } Constable
Southborough Decem.r 27th 1781 } for Southborough

Decem.r 27th 1781 The Town agreeable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as follows viz - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

First Chose Lt Elijah Brigham Moderator - - - -

1 Voted to pass over for the present -
2 Voted to pass over for the present upon a question put to See if the Town will hear any of the three Gentn they have had Preaching with them after their Engagements are up, any further. it passed in the Negative
3 Voted to Excuse the Old Committe
4 Voted to Chuse a new Committe of five persons to Supply the Pulpit
Then Chose Docr Parker. Capt Newton. Jonas Ball. Nathan Bridges & Lt Chamberlain - - - - - - - - - - - -

Voted to Excuse the Committe and Chuse a new one
Then Chose Isaac Johnson. Colo Ward. Nathan Bridges. John Angier and Deacn Newton - - - - - - - - - - - - -

1 Voted to pass over for the present -
2 Voted to Chuse a Committe to confer with other Towns then Chose Docr Parker Capt Newton & Colo Ward - Voted to Excuse the Committe from Conferring with other Towns and to add two more to the Committe. then Chose Jonas Ball & Solomon Newton. - - -

Petition for this Article is as follows viz -

South borough Decr 27th 1781

To the Selectmen of the Town South borough Gentn -

We the Subscribers being uneasie & concerned at the proceedings of the Genl Court with Regard to our Public Tages, as having to raise Victuel and Cloathe our army, the Late Tax bill with Regard to Voters. and the Excise act &c we desire you will call a Town meeting as Soon as may be for the Town to Consider of the foregoing articles & other matters of Grievances and Remonstrate to the General Court of this Common Wealth, as the Town Shall think fit. agreable to the Constitution

Solomon Newton
Jonas Ball
James Parker
Samuel Newton
Josiah Newton
Samuel Horne
Paul Newton
Ezra Newton 2nd
Robert Fay
Ezra Taylor
Peter Fay

onar 4th
Voted to Petition to the Genl Court to have the time lengthened out for getting the three deficient men
Voted to Chuse a Committe of three persons to draught a Petition
Then Chose Docr Parker. Joshua Smith & Capt Newton for Committe
Voted to Endemnifye the Constables from not Emediately Collecting the fines

onar 5th
Voted that the Constables be directed Emediately to Collect the Rates made in paper Money. by discounting all Rates and orders against the Town so far as they will pays, and the Remainder in old Emition or new.
Voted to adjourn this meeting to next monday 7 night att one Clock P.M. att this place att Elijah Brigham Mods

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Jan. 7th 1782 The Town met according to adjournment proceeded to act as follows-viz

on ye 3d The Committe laid before the Town the following Remonstrance & Petition. viz
To the Honble Senate & House of Representatives in Genl Court Assembled

The Remonstrance & Petition of the Town of Southborough Humbly Sheweth -

That your Petitioners always were, and still are; willing to be our Proportion towards the Charges necessary to support the Common Scatle but it is with great concern that we find the Legislature loading us with burdens which neither we nor our Fathers were able to bear To Raise Victual, & Cloathe the army. (and formerly to be the Task of Government, but Lately has been imposed on the Severall Towns perhaps because the publick faith has lost some Credit, Nevertheless publick Taxes have Surprisingly increased, rather then Deminished. Nor can we Surpress our fears of the Consequences that may arise from the Last Tax Bill. whereby, as we conceive, great numbers will be deprived of the liberty of Disposing of their own property a darling priviledge for which America has fought and bled for more than Six Years: the duties likewise Imposed on Tea. Liquors &c we apprehend will operate in the manner of a Tax, though perhaps the poorer Sort of People must bear the burden; and the Richer go free; all these we Conceive to be matters of Grievance, for Redress whereof, we would Humbly Suggest whether it would not be more Politic for Congress to borrow money to defrey Publick Charges and let us pay the Interest. then to impose Such heavy Taxes on us, under which the Rich murmer, the poor Groan & Sink, and those in the mean must soon come to the Rich for maintenance; and likewise whether it be not a better piece of policy that there be no duties imposed on any articles during this Expensive war. We therefore Your Petitioners humbly pray that we may be Eased with regard to the publick Taxes as we have always paid more in Proportion the Neighbouring Towns, and that the Excise act may be Repealed or the duties imposed in said act be put only on the Distill Head and the Importer. & your Petitioners as in duty bound Shall Ever pray

The Town after Several hearings Voted to accept of the foregoing Remonstrance & Petition

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on art 4th — The Committe on this article offered the following Petition viz
To the Hon.le Senate and House of Representatives in
Gen.l Court assembled.
The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough
Humbly Sheweth
That by a late act or Resolve of the Gen.l Assembly of this Common Wealth for Levying fines upon the Several Towns in this Common Wealth that were deficient in Raising their Quotas of men for the filling up the Continental Army, the Town of Southboro were fined for three men they were deficient in Notwithstanding the almost Exertions of the Town, Even from their first Receiving the Orders to this present day. they have not been able to Compleat Raising the men assigned them, and it is owing to the following Reasons. viz.
The frequent Requisitions from this Hon.le House for Beef for men for five & three months. for Cloathing for the army all which have been fully and Seasonably Complyed with Together with the uncommon Scarcity of money, which has Involved the Town in Such a debt. Together with State Taxes, that it has been Impratable for the Town to procure the men deficient
We Your Petitioners ask not to have the fine Remitted but only Supplicate for the to have the time lengthened out for us to get the Three men in nothing doubting but if the men are ready to take the field Early at the opening of the Campaign it will be a more acceptable Service than paying the fines
all which is Humbly Submitted to the wise decision of this Hon.le House in full Confidance that the prayer of the Petition be Granted and Your Petitioners as in duty bound Shall Ever pray
The Town Voted to accept of the foregoing Petition
Voted that the Town Clerk be directed to Copy the Petitions & Sign them in behalf of the Town. and have them ready to deliver to Such person as Shall be appointed by the Town. to take Charge of them & Carry them to the Gen.l Court
Voted that Capt Newton be directed to take his Seat in the House of Representatives as a Member for the Town of Southboro and present the Petitions now laid before the Town
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to this day four weeks att this place att One O Clock P.M.
att Elijah Brigham Mod.r

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Feb.y the 4th 1782. The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows. viz
on art 2 upon a question being put to See if the Town would hear Mr. Mellon any longer it passed in the Negative
upon a question put to See if the Town would hear a New Preacher that they had not heard it passed in the Negative
Voted that the Committe hire Mr. Kilbourn again.
Then Voted to Reconsidey all & Every Vote that has been passed on this article and Chuse a New Committe
Voted to pass over the first Clause in the article
Voted to Chuse a Committe of five person to Supply the Pulpit
Elijah Brigham — Lt Chamberlain
Then Chose Doc.r Parker
Lt Matthews and John Angier
Voted to Reconsidey all & Every Vote that has been passed on this article — Then Voted to Continue the old Committe
Voted to dissolve this meeting Elijah Brigham Mod.r

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Select men Sept 18th 1782
Aaron Fay ... Elijah Newton Jonas Woods and
Edmund Chamberlain High way Servayors Settled their Rates
and were discharged by the Select men ... Paper money £9 ... 0 ...
The Select men then deposited In the Treasurer
that the Servayors took for Rates for high ways
and at another meeting of the Select men
Feb'y 28. 1782 the Select men then deposited £1 ... 10 ... 0
In the hands of the Treasurer Silver money

Settlement with the Treasurer

At a meeting of the Select men South borough March 4th 1782
having Examined the accounts of Nathan Bridges Treasurer and find that has been Chedrable with the Sum of Thirty nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninty nine Pounds one Shilling four pence Paper Money and he has produced Vouchers Shewing that he has paid Ten Thousand nine Hundred Eighty Pounds six pence and their is now in the Treasurer Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty nine Pounds nine Shillings one penny and the Treasurer is now Chearable with the Sum of Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and nine pence ... also the further Sum of Fifteen Hundred Twenty Pounds ten Shillings and two pence Silver Money and he has Produced Vouchers Shewing that he has paid four Hundred Eighty Six Pounds two Shillings & one penny and the Treasurer is Now Chearable with the Sum of one Thousand thirty four Pounds Eight Shillings one penny Silver Money

Paper Money
£39999 - 1 - 4 Chearable
In Cash £1769 - 9 - 7 & Vouchers
£18229 - 11 - 9 due ...

Attest Onthank
Heman Fay
Mark Collins Junr
Select men for South boroughs

In Silver Money
£1520 - 18 - 2 Chearable
486 ... 2 ... 1 Vouchers
£1034 - 8 - 1 due

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Select men March 11th 1782 the Selectmen deposited in the Town Treasurer £289 - 6 In old Emision which Sum was Remaining of the Subscription Money for hiring Soldiers and not paid to the Soldiers

Worcester ss
To Mr. John Richards or Paul Newton or Either of their Constables
for Southborough - Greeting -
In the Name of the Commonwealth of
You are Hereby forthwith Required
Massachusetts; to Warn all the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants within the Town
of Southborough Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble at the
Meeting House in Southborough on Monday the 4th day of March next
at 12. of Clock at noon to act on the following articles viz -
1st To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting
2dly To Chuse Town Officers for the year Ensuing as the Law directs
3dly To Chuse Some persons to inspect the killing of Deer contrary to Law
4thly To See if the Town will let their Swine run at large the Year Ensuing
5thly To Chuse Grave diggers; a Pound keeper; and Some Person Sweep Lock &
unlock the Meeting House the year Ensuing
6thly To agree upon and Grant a Sum of Money to Repair High Ways in s Town
the Year Ensuing
7thly To agree upon and Grant a Sum of Money to pay a School Master and
other Town debts
8thly For the Town to Consider of and allow all Town debts to those to whom
the Town is Justly Indebted
9thly To Chuse a Committe to hire a School Master; and Squadron out the
School the Ensuing year if the Town See fit
10thly To See if the Town will abate the Rates Set to Elisha Taylor in a
List of Assessment Committed to John Richards to Collect for the year 1781
11thly For the Town to Chuse a Committe to Confer with & Settle with the Towns
of Westborough and Grafton Respecting two Continental men that were
in dispute & Settled to Southborough; and pass any Vote or Votes upon
the Same as the Town Shall think fit when met
12 To See if the Town will Chuse a Standing Committe to View and make Said
of any part of Town ways that Shall be found unnecessary within the
Town of Southborough; when Ever any person Shall apply for the Same
and Give them Such Instructions and pass any Vote or Votes on the
Same as the Town Shall think fit when met
13 To See what the Town will do Respecting Hezekiah Bridges a
Continental Soldier who is at home the most of his time & has Received
his hire from the Town; for the Town to Examine him and act
thereon and pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town Shall
think fit when met
14 To See if the Town will Chuse Collectors the Year Ensuing or act
thereon as the Town Shall think fit when met
15 To See if the Town will Chuse Overseers of the Poor for the Year Ensuing
or pass any Vote or Votes on the Same as the Town Shall think
fit when met

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your
thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for Holding
said meeting
Dated at Southborough this
18th day of Febry a. dt 1782
by order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clerk

In Obedience to the within I have fully Executed the within Warrant
March the 4th 1782
Paul Newton } Constable of Southborough

March the 1st 1782 The Town met agreeable to the foregoing warrant the Meeting opened Proceeded to act as follows viz

First Chose Lt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Selectmen

on ar. 2d
Elijah Brigham
Joshua Smith
Nathan Bridges
Will.m Orthank &
Hemam Fay

Town Clerk Joshua Smith

Town Treasurer Nathan Bridges

Constables Moses Bruce
Jabez Newton

Voted to pass over to the 13th article

on ar. 13th
Voted to Send for Hezaliah Bridges
Voted that Paul Newton go for him
Voted that Maj.r Champney go for and desire Hezaliah Bridges to come into the Town meeting and make answer for himself

on ar. 14th
Passed In the Negative

on ar. 15th
Voted to Chuse overseers of the Poor
Voted to Chuse three persons for overseers
Then Chose
Benj.a Mixer
John Angier Esq.r and
John Newton and
David Newton

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Wednesday next at one O. Clock P. M. at this place att Elijah Brigham Mod.r

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

March 6th 1782 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows viz

on ar. 2d
Jabez Newton Chosen Constable the 5th day came & Paid a fine £5 0 0
Moses Bruce also appeared and Paid his Fine £5 0 0
Then Chose John Bellows Constable

Then Voted to pass to the Sixth article

on ar. 6th
Agreed upon and granted the Sum of £50 in Silver money to be assessed on the Polls and Natable Estates in South borough for Repairing highway the Year Ensuing
Voted that Labor done att high ways from the first of May to the first of Sept.r be Set att 3/ per day and at other Seasons of the Year in the Usual Proportion £400 0 0

on ar. 7th
Agreed upon and Granted the Sum of £ 0 0 0
in Silver money to be assess on the Polls and Natable Estate in South borough

on ar. 9th
Voted to Chuse a Committe of three persons Then Chose Maj.r Champney Jonas Ball and Lieut. Orthank
Voted that the School Horse Squadron as it was the Last Year

on ar. 10th
Voted to abate one Rate being 18/2 dated July 10th 1781

on ar. 11th
Voted to Chuse a Committe of three persons to Confer with and Settle with Westborough and Grafton and make Report to the Town att the next Town meeting after their Settling Then Chose
Joshua Smith Will.m Orthank & Jonas Ball

Turn Over

on art 12th — Voted to Chuse a Committe of three persons whose Busness it shall bee to View all ways or parts of ways that are found to be unnecessary and that shall be applyed for; and appprize the same according to their best Judgement and discribe the same and lay it before the Town to be by them discontinued and granted to the persons for whom it was applyed for
Then Chose Solomon Newton, Nathan Bridges and Jonas Ball for Committe

on art 2d — John Bellows also Paid a fine being Chosen Constable £5 0 0
Chose Leiut Chamberlain Constable who Paid his fine £5 0 0
Then Chose Elisha Fay Constable. Excused by Vote
Then Chose John Johnson Constable
Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting till Tomorrow all 12 O Clock att noon att this place — att Elijah Brigham Mod.r

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

March the 7th 1782 The Town met according to adjourment proceeded to act as follows viz

on art 2d — Voted that the Votes Given Yesterday by those persons Chosen Constables be given up Except the two first Chosen; and they to pay as much as was formerly Given for a Constable; And the Town to pay the Remainder to such persons as do the Service the Cheapest and be Excepted by the Town
The Town then Voted that the Service of a Constable be Set att £3 12 -- Silver Money be a fine for serving Constable.
Ezekiel Collins then Undertook to Serve Constable for the West End for £9 0 0
Jotham Bellows for the East End for £9 0 0 12
and were both Excepted by the Town for Constables and Sworn accordingly

Assessors — Mark Collins Esq.r; Heman Fay; Ezra Taylor

on art 3d — Daniel Johnson; Elijah Johnson Excus.d; Capt. Winchester

Surveyors of highways and Collectors of the money — Thomas Stone; Ezekiel Newton 3 Excus.d; Isaac Newton; Jedidiah Parker Excus.d; John Johnson Excus.d; Nathan Taplin Excus.d

on art 4th — Voted to let their Swine run att Large the Year Ensuing

Tything men — Nathan Bridges Excus.d; James Bellows Excus.d; Leiut. Chamberlain

on art 5 — Grave diggers: Jonas Woods; Benj.a Smith

Field Drivers — Elisha Fay; John Bellows

Pound keeper Thomas Stone

Fence Veiwers — Ezekiel Newton 3 Excus.d; Jonas Ball

keeper of the Meeting House — Nicholas Happin

Sealer of Leather John Bellows

David Newton was by the Selectmen and Constable appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures and Sworn accordingly

Hogg Reeves — Ivobridge Taylor Excus.d; David Woods Excus.d; Peter Fay; Peter Stone

The following accounts were laid before the Town and Granted viz

on ar. 8th

Elijah Bellows	£0-15-0
Peter Brewer	0-5-0
Peter Brewer	1-17-8
Nicholas Hopping	1-6-0
Peter Stone	9-6-6
John Prentice	10-12-0
Jonas Ball	2-19-0
Jon.a Champney	1-12-0
John Johnson	0-9-0
Solomon Newton	3-10-0
Mark Collins Junr	0-10-2
Mark Collins Junr	1-4-0
James Parker	2-15-4
Willm Winchester	4-16-0
Jonas Ball	3-8-0
Nathan Bridges	4-9-0
Hemian Fay	0-16-0
Jonas Woods	0-8-0
Daniel Johnson	0-19-6
Hezh.h Fay	1-0-0
Joshua Smith	3-5-0
Elijah Brigham	0-12-0
Tolal	56-9-2

Then Voted to Excuse all the assessors Chosen at this meeting and Come to a new Choice. Then Chose Assessors Solomon Newton, Jonas Ball, Ezra Taylor

on ar. 13th Voted to Chuse a Committe of three Persons to Settle matters with Hezekiah Bridges and Carry the same to a final Issue and make Report the Town as soon as may be. Then Chose Majr Champney Ezra Taylor & Mark Collins Junr

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday next att one o Clock P. M. at this place att Elijah Brigham's Modr

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Monday March 11th 1782 the Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows viz

Located out the Burying Yard to Mr Hopping one Year for 8/

on ar. 2d Highway Surveyor Isaac Johnson. Elijah Johnson. Sythiery men Majr Champney Deacon Veiver Joseph Onthank

Hogg Reave Reuben Newton

The Several Persons Chosen at Town Officers for the Year Ensuing being duly Sworn

The Town Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Modr

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Messrs Jotham Bellows & Ezekiel Collins or Either of them
Constables for Southborough & Greeting -

You are hereby forthwith Requir'd in the Name of the Common Wealth of Massathusetts, to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants within the Town of Southborough Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to assemble att the Meeting House in Southborough on Monday the 18th day of this present March at one O. Clock P. M. to act on the following articles. viz

1. To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting -

2 For the Town to hear the Orders Sent to the Town for Raising four men filling up the Continental army for three years; & for the Town to determine by Vote in what way & Measure they will come into for the Raising Said men, and Petition to the Genl Court for being Over Taxed. both to Raising the men & other Publick Taxes; or come into any Measure or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town Shall think best when met --

3 For the Town to hear the Report of the Committe for Veiwing high ways; and for the Town to discontinue Such parts of high ways as Shall be found to be unnecessary & Grant the Same to Such Persons as apply for the Same & Shall be ~~Laid~~ Reported to be Veiw'd for by the Committe. to them and their Heirs & assigns

4 To See if the Town will abate the Rates Set to Frank Downs & Hanover a Negro man Living with Ezek.l Newton 3.- or not Rate them for the future. or act thereon as the Town Shall think fit when met. ...

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings theron to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding Said meeting - - ... - - ... -

Dated at Southborough this 13th. day of March a.d. 1782. by order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clk

Southborough March ye 18th 1782. In Obediance to this Warrant I have Posted a Copy of this Warrant according to a Vote of Said Town to meet at time and place as this Warrant directs

Jotham Bellows Constable for Southborough

Southborough March 18th 1782. The Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as follows. viz.

Chose Lt Elijah Brigham Modr

on art 2 Upon a question put to See if the Town will proceed to Class the Town agreeable to the direction of the Court & Passed in the Negative Then Voted that the Town proceed and the men by a Committe as was Usual for the Town -

Voted to Endemnifie the Assessor in not Classing the Town agreeable to a Resolve of Court ---

Then Voted that the Committe Consist of five persons Then Chose Capt Winchester; Lt Onthank. Lt Angier Lt Elisha Fay and Mark Collins Junr Then Voted to pass to the 3d article

on art 3 Voted to pass over for the present.

on art 4 Passed in the Negative

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday next att one O Clock P. M.

Elijah Brigham Modr

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

March the 25th 1782 The Town met according to adjournment proceeded to act as follows viz

1st Brigham the Moderator of this meeting being absent the Select men Opened the meeting The Town then proceeded to a new Choice Chose Nathan Bridges Moderator

on ar 2d Voted that the Committe Exert themselves to get the men and on the beft terms they can

Voted to Chuse a Committe of five persons to hire money in behalf of the Town; to supply the Committe for raising Soldiers. Then Chose Lieut Onthank. Jonas Ball. John Johnson. Col° Ward & Joshua Smith

Voted Sd Committe be Impowered to Give their Security in behalf of the Town

on ar 3d The Committe made the following Report

Southborough March 12th 1782 Wee the Subscribers a Committe appointed by the Town; for to veiw and apprize Roads or parts of Roads we being applyed to by Prudance Hudson to veiw a peice of Land lying by the land of Jonas Woods on the Road leading from John Wents to Tyrus Newtons and the Report is as follows - viz - we find the Road is four Rods wide against the above said land and we are of Opinion that two Rods is Sufficient for a way as tis no more beyond: we find that the length is Twenty Seven Rods Two Rods wide which makes fifty four Rods of Land, Exclusive of Two rod way at the north End for the above said Woods to go on to his lot and we are of Opinion the Value of the Land is worth one Pound Ten Shilling.

£1-10—

Solomon Newton
Nathan Bridges
Jonas Ball
} Committe for Southborough

The Town then Voted to discontinue that part of the way above described

Voted to and Granted the Same to Jonas Woods his Heirs and assigns forever. Which land is a donation to Prudance Hudson. and P. Jonas Engaged to give a good & Well Executed deed of a Certain peice of Land by them agreed upon in lieu of this free of Cost or not to be Intituled the Same as above discribed

Voted that their Report be not accepted at present

Voted to dissolve this meeting Att Nathan Bridges Mod°

Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Hon-le Artemas Ward paid in to the Treasury Ten Shilling as a fine for a breach of Sabbath done in Southborough

£0. 10—

Fines Collected

Worcester ss To Messrs Jotham Bellows & Ezekiel Collins or Either of them Constables for Southborough - Greeting -

You are hereby forthwith Requir'd in the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants within the Town of Southborough Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting House in Southborough on Monday the first day of April next at one O Clock P. M. to act on the following articles - viz -

First for the Town to bring in their Votes for a Governor Lt Governor Councillors and Senators for the Ensuing Year agreeable to the Constitution of this Common Wealth -

2ly To Chuse a Moderator for the Remaining Business of this Warrant

3ly For the Town to consider of the orders Sent the Town for Raising four Continental men; and Petition the General Court for Redress in being over Rated - and come into such measures as the Town shall agree upon for the Raising s^d men; Either by Classing the Town; or Raising the men by Committe as usual or pass any Vote or Votes on the Same as the Town shall think best when met; and Continue this meeting by adjournment till the Town can Legally Grant the money for Raising said men -

4ly For the Town to hear the Reports of the Committe for Veiwing Highways and discontinue such part of Highways as shall be by said Committe Reported to be unnecessary & Grant the Same to such persons as shall apply for the Same & Veiw^d for. or pass any Vote or Votes on the Same as the Town shall think fit when met -

5ly For the Town to hear a Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of this Town for the purpose of Signing on Lords day without Reading line by Line for the Town to determine by Vote upon the Same and pass any Vote or Votes on the Same as the Town shall think fit when met -

6ly To See if the Town will abate the Rates Set to David Fay in a Lift of Assessment Committed to John Richards to Collect for the year 1781 also to abate the Rates Set to Alex^r Newton in a Lift Committed to Paul Newton to Collect for the year 1781 -

7ly To See if the Town will Endemnifie the Constables in the State Taxes for the year 1781 or act theron as the Town think fit when met

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doing thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for Holding said meeting

Dated at Southborough this
25th day of March 1782

By order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clk

March 30th 1782 In Obediance to the within Warrant I have warn'd all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants to assemble at time and place ~~set forth~~ by this warrant described by Posting a copy of the Same

Ezekiel Collins Constable for Southborough

The Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to act as follows viz

on ar 2d } The Town brought in their Votes for the Several Officers and are as follows viz

For a Governor His Excel.y John Hancock Esq.r 2 Votes
Hon.le Azor Orne Esq.r 26 Votes
Hon.le James Bowdwin 1 Vote

For Lieu.t Governor } Honorable Nathaneel Gorham Esq.r 28 Votes

For Councellors and Senators
Hon.le Seth Washburn Esq.r 7 Votes and
Hon.le Samuel Baker Esq.r 2 Votes
2 Hon.le Sam.l Baker Esq.r 11 Votes
3 Hon.le Moses Gill Esq.r 9 Votes
4 Hon.le Israel Nichols Esq.r 11 Votes
5 Hon.le Hon.a Warner Esq.r 14 Votes

on ar 3d } Chose Lieu.t Elijah Brigham Moderator

on ar 3d } Voted that the former Committe Stand a few days longer & use their Endeavor to get the men.

on ar 4th } Southborough March 25.th 1782
Laid out by the Committe of the Town aforesaid a Certain part of the Highway Scituate & lying on the Westerly Side of the Rode leading from Patch Brook So called to Edward Newtons & is bounded as follows viz: Beginning at the Northerly corner of the Land formerly belonging to Henry Barnes Esq.r & Runs Easterly Two Rods thence Running Southerly thirty five Rods to a heap of Stones and it is one Rod & a half wide: thence Running Southerly Twenty two Rods to a heap of Stones: thence runs Westerly two Rods the land aforesaid Now in the Possession of Amos Cotting of Marlborough and the said peice Contains about 98 Rods of Land and we have apprized the Same at Six pence per Rod.

£2..9..0.

Solomon Newton } Committe for Southborough
Jonas Ball
Nathan Brigham

£2..9..0 of the Money Voted in the Town Rate to be Collected in the Southborough Division.

the bove Said Road is left two Rods wide

The Town then Voted to discontinue that part of the Highway above discribed

Then Voted & Granted the Same to Amos Cotting Phisician His Heirs and Assigns for ever for the Sum of £2..9..0

on ar 5th } The Question being put to See if the Town will Sing up without Reading it passed in the affirmitive

Then Voted that Singing be performed on Lords days without Reading till may meeting

on ar 6th } Passed in the Negative

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday next at 3.0 Clock P.M.

attt Elijah Brigham Mod.r

Josthua Smith Town Clerk

Recorded by Josthua Smith

Turn Over

April 4th 1782. The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows. viz ——

on art 3d } Voted to Class the Town into four Classes according to the direction of the Gen.l Court.

further Voted that the Committe Exert themselves in order to get the men.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday Next at 2. O. Clock P.M

att.t Elijah Brigham Mod.r

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

April 8th 1782 The Town met according to adjournment proceeded to act as follows viz ——

on art 3d } Voted to chuse a Committe of three person to draught a Petition to Send to the Gen.l Court

then Chose Joshua Smith. Doc.r Parker & Solomon Newton.

on art 6th } David Fay brought a new Certificate from the Collector of Framingham. it passed again in the Negative ——

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday next week at 4 O Clock P.M. ... att.t Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk.

April 16th 1782 The Town met according to adjournment proceeded to act as follows viz —

on art 3d } The Committe Presented the following Petition viz.

To the Hon.le Senate and House of Representatives in Gen.l Court Assembled:—

The Petition of the Town of Southborough Humbly Sheweth ——

That your Petitioners have long in Silance Groaned under the undue burden laid upon us by this Hon.le Court; both with Regard to Raising Men for the Publick Service & also for Taxes for the War. and Contingent Charges of Government. for the Remedying of which Your Petitioners pray that a Committe of this Court be appointed to take a View of this and the Neighboring Towns viz. Framingham. Marlborough. Westborough & Grafton. that an Exact Estimate may be made; we Expect to make it appear. that we have paid at least one fifth part more than our proportion; and as this Town Since the former Valuation has not Grown Richer we are at a loss to know how the Town of New Braintree which Stood at £18.2.0. more than we Should now under its flourishing Situation Stand at £118.16.- Less Perhaps it may be owing to the Returns of the assessors Wherefore Relying on Justice & Equity of this Hon.le House. Your Petitioners pray that if upon Inspection it Should appear that we are over Rated we may not only be Eased in the next Tax bill but allowance be made for what we have over paid. and your Petitioners as in duty bound Shall Ever pray. ...

after Several Readings of the Petition the Town Accepted of it and Voted that the Town Clerk be directed to Sign'd Petition in behalf of the Town & Forward it to the Representative as Soon as may be

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting

att.t Elijah Brigham Mod.r

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Notification Ezekiel Newton 3d

Southborough April 4th 1782 I the Subscriber have had Brought into my House the Wife of David Chambers of Chelmsford in Low Circumstances She was Brought the 9th day of March 1782 & Thereby Notifie the Town

Ezekiel Newton third

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Mr. Jotham Bellows & Ezekiel Collins or Either of them Constables for South borough Greeting

You are hereby forthwith Requir. In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the freeholders and Other Inhabitants within the Town of Southborough Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting House in Southboro: on Monday the 20th day of this present May at one O. Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz

First For the Town to chuse Some person to Represent them in the Great and Gen.l Court the Year Ensuing agreeable to the Constitution of this Common Wealth; also to hear the Resolves of the Convention Lately held at Worcester and give the Representative such Instruction as the Town Shall agree upon; or act on any or all the Clauses of this article as the Town think best when met

2ly To Chuse a Moderator for the Remaining Business of this Warrant

3ly For the Town to agree upon a time that the Year before last Constables Shall take old Continental Money for Town Taxes; and give them Such direction for Settling with the Treasurer as the Town Shall agree upon & pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town think fit

4ly For the Town to Chuse a Committe to Value all the Ratable Estate in Southborough as a New Invoice is Requir.d: or act thereon as the Town think fit.

5ly For the Town to allow all Just debts to Such Persons as the Town is Justly Indebted too

6ly For the Town to hear the Report of the Town Treasurer Respecting Town debts; and Give him Such directions as the Town think best when met & pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town may think best

7ly For the Town to take into Consideration again the Method of Singing on Lords day; and for the Town to determine by Vote in which way & in what manner they will have that part of divine Service perform.d and act thereon as the Town think best when met.

8ly For the Town to hear the Report of the Committe for Settling with Hezekiah Bridges; and act thereon as the Town think fit when met. or pass any Vote or Votes thereon as the Town think best

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting.

Dated at South borough this 13th day of May. a.d. 1782

By order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborough May 20th 1782 In Obedience to this Warrant I have Posted a Copy of this Warrant. according to a Vote of Said Southborough

Jotham Bellows. Constable for Southboro

Turn Over

Southborough May the 20th 1782

The Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to act as follows viz

on ar 1. Passed in the Negative

on ar 2. Chose Lieut. Elijah Brigham Moderator

on ar 3. Voted that the Constables be directed not to Receive any old Continental money for Taxes that Remain due from & after Monday next the 27th day of this present May: and pay all they Shall Collect into the hands of the Town Treasurer on Said 27th day: and from and after Next Monday the 27th day no Monies Shall be Received. Either by the Constables or Treasurer Except Hard Money

on ar 4th Voted to Chuse a Committe of three persons — Then Chose Solomon Newton — Jonas Ball — & Ezra Taylor Committe Voted that Said Committe take and keep a fair List of Each and Every Person is Possessed of in Real Estate and that the Same Apprizement Shall be the Rule of the assessors Conduct in making all Assessments during the Towns pleasure

on ar 5th Voted & allowed the following Sums to the following Persons viz —

	£	s	d
To Nathan Bridges	1	7	0
To Paul Newton	2	13	8
To Capt. Newton	0	3	0
To John Richards	2	10	1
To Majr Champney	0	10	0
To Ezra Taylor	0	10	0
To Mark Collins Junr	0	10	0
Total allowed	£ 8	3	9

on ar 6th Voted to direct the Treasurer to call upon the Constables to Raise a Sum of Money to Enable the Treasurer to discharge Some Town debts

on ar 7th Voted that Deacons ~~Fay~~ Read the Psalm line by line as it was formerly used

Voted that Deacn Fay be desired to Read the Psalm for the future

Voted that Deacn Newton be Excused from Reading the Psalm and the Thanks of the Town be given him for his past Services

Voted that Isaac Johnson Should assist in Reading the Psalm when Deacn Fay is absent

on ar 8th Voted to & accepted of the award made in behall of the Town and that Mr James Bridges: Give his Security to the Town to their Satisfaction and give up the Remainder of the Notes that Hezekiah Bridges has againtt The Town

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting

att Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Jany 7 1783 The Selectmen deposited in the Treasury one Hundred Ten Pounds Eight Shillings Six pence half penny being Wages they Drew for Soldiers Cloathing for Soldiers & Several quarterly accounts &c

£ 110 - 8 - 6½

Money Deposited in the Treasury by the Selectmen

Worcester ss

To Mess.rs Jotham Bellows & Ezekiel Collins or Either of them
Constables for South borough - Greeting - - - - - - - - - - - -

You are hereby forthwith Requir.d In the Name of the Common
Wealth of Massachusetts to warn all the freeholders & other Inha-
bitants within the Town of South borough Qualified by Law
to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting House in
South borough on Monday the 4th of June Current at 2 O.
Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles. viz - - - - - - -

1 To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting - -

2dly For the Town to hear a Vote of the Church in South borough
Respecting the Method of Preaching in future; and to See if the
Town are Satisfied with any of Either of the Gent.n Candidates
that have been Preaching among us. and See if the Town will
come into any measures for the Resettleing of a Gospel
Minister in South boro: and if the Town are Satisfied
with any one of the Gent.n which have Preached among us
then to Unite in Such Measures with the Church in order for
a call to Such Gent.n as may be agreed upon. and come into
Such Measure. or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the
Town Shall agree upon when met - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

3dly For the Town to hear the Reports of the Committee that were
chosen by the Town to Settle with the Town of West borough &
with Daniel Grout & Mr. Davis of Grafton for two Continental
men by them in dispute with South borough & Chuse a Committe
for Settling with Each of them & carry the Same to final Issue
by Such Instructions as the Town Shall agree upon when met -

4thly For the Town to again take into their Consideration & See
the peace & Unity of the Town. determine by Vote which way
& in what manner the Singing Shall be performed on Lords
Day. by Reading line by line. or without. or any part
of the time Singing without Reading. or pass any Vote or Votes
upon the Same as the Town Shall agree upon when met - - - -

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with
your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appoin-
ted for holding Sd Meeting.

Dated at South borough this 20th day of June a. d. 1782 - - } by order of the Selectmen Jos.a Smith T. Clerk

N.B You are directed by the Selectmen to Warn this meeting by
Verbal warning & not by Posting the Warrants - - - - -

Worcester ss. South borough June 20th 1782 - In Obediance to this
Warrant I have warned all the Free holders within my district
Qualified by Law to Vote in Town meetings to meet at time &
and place as this Warrant directs

Jotham Bellows Constable for South borough

In Obediance to the above Warrant I have Warned the freeholders
& Other Inhabitants qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs
to assemble at time & place Directed by this Warrant

Ezekiel Collins } Constable
South borough

Turn Over

Southborough June 24th 1782 The Town met agreable to the foregoing Warrant & Proceeded to act as follows - viz -

First Chose Lt. Elijah Brigham Moderator -

2d on ar } The Vote of the Church as Exhibited & Read - viz -
} In Church Meeting in Southborough June 7th 1782
} Voted that the Selectmen in Southborough be desired as Soon as may be with Convenience to assemble the Inhabitants of said Southboro (that are duly Qualified to Vote in Town Meetings) together in Town meeting to act & pass any Vote or Votes that may be proper when met Relateing to preaching in future & in order to obtain the Resettlment of a Gospel Minister in Sd Southborough - again -

The above is a Copy of the Vote of the said Church
To the Selectmen in South Borough - } attest Jon.a Ward Clerk of Sd Church

The Town then Voted as follows viz -
Voted that they are Satisfied with the Gent.n Candidates that have been Preaching with us - without hearing any new ones - by 37 Satisfied and 23 not Satisfied -
upon a Motion made to See if the Town would hear Mr. further it passed in the Negative 23 for the Motion 60. against it
upon a Motion to See if the Town would hear Mr. Willcet it passed in the Negative.
Then upon a Motion made to See if the Town will Continue Mr. Lyon it passed in the affirmitive -

3d on ar } Voted that the former Committe Chosen to Settle with Westborough be continued & Settle with them at their discretion and carry the Same to final Issue -
} Then Voted to chuse a Committe to Settle with Messrs. Grout & Davis - Then Chose Joshua Smith and Nathan Bridges to Settle at their discretion & carry the Same to final Issue -

4th on ar } upon a Motion made to See if the Town will have Singing performed on Lords day by Reading line by line it passed in the affirmative -
Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting

att Elijah Brigham Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss
To Messrs Jotham Bellows & Ezekiel Collins or Either of them Constables for Southbough - Greeting -
You are hereby forthwith Required In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants within your Respective Districts Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting House in Southborough on Monday the 8th Day of this present July at 2 O Clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz.
1st to Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting
2ly } For the Town to determine by Vote how & in what Measure Shall be taken to Supply the pulpit, Since Mr. Lyon doth not Incline to Carry any Longer with us: For the Town to chuse a new Committe or give the old Committe Such Instructions as the Town Shall think fit.
} and for the Town to adopt any Measure or Measures. or pass any Vote or Votes that Shall Relate to the Resettlement of a Gospel Minister with us again as the Town Shall agreed upon when met

(Remainder) look to next page

Hereof fail not and due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting
Dated at Southborough this
2d day of July a. d. 1782

By order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clk

N.B You are directed by the Selectmen to Warn this meeting by Verbal Warning & Not by Posting the Warrant.

Worcester ss. Southborough July 5th 1782 In obedience to this Warrant I have warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants to assemble at time and place directed in this Warrant.
Ezekiel Collins Constable for Southborough

Southborough July 8th 1782 - I have Executed this Warrant to a Tittle
Jotham Ballows Constable for Southborough

Southborough July the 8th 1782 The Town agreeable to the forego-ing Warrant Proceeded to act as follows - viz - - - - - - - - - -

1 Chose Lt Elijah Brigham Moderator - -

2 Voted to Supply the Pulpit by a Committe
Voted to Chuse a new Committe - - - - - - - - -

Worcester ss
To Messrs Jotham Bellows & Ezekiel Collins or Either of them
Constables for Southborough Greeting —
You are Hereby forthwith Required in the Name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts to warn all the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants within
within the Town of Southborough & within your Respective Districts
Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble at the Meeting
House in Southborough on Monday the 12th day of Augt Current at
two O Clock P.M. To act on the following articles — viz —
1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2d For the Town to determine by Vote how & in what manner they
will Supply the Pulpit in future by chusing a new Committee or
give the Selectmen Each Instruction as the Town shall agree upon
either by applying to new Candidates or Some that have been
Preaching on Probation: and if the Town agree upon any of those
that have been Preaching with us then to determine which, and
adopt any Measure or Measures & pass any Vote or Votes Relating
to the Settling a Gospel Minister with us again as the Town
shall agree upon when met —
Hereof fail not & make due Return of this Warrant with your doings
thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding
said Meeting
Dated at Southborough this
7th day of Augt 1782 By Order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clerk
NB You are directed by the Selectmen to Warn this Meeting Verbally

Worcester ss Augt 10th 1782
In Obedience to this Warrant I have warned all in my District to meet
at time and place as this warrant directs
Jotham Bellows Constable for Southborough

Worcester ss — Southborough Augt 12th 1782
In Obedience to this Warrant I have Warned all the Freeholders & other
Inhabitants as Required by this Warrant Ezekiel Collins } Constable for Southborough

August 12th 1782 The Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant
Proceed to act as follows viz:
First Chose Leiut Elijah Brigham Moderator
On an Upon a Motion made to See if the Town would pass over the first Clause in
2d the article it passed in the Negative.
upon a Motion made to See if the Town are Satisfied with hearing
Candidates that have been preaching with us it passed in the Affirmative
of 3 Majority
Then the Question was put to See how many many was for hearing
Mr Lyon further 32 Votes for the Question
Then Voted to Reconsider the Vote for not hearing a new Candidate
Then Voted to hear a New Candidate
Then Voted to Chuse a New Committe of five persons to Supply the
Pulpit for the future. Then Chose Isaac Johnson Leiut Obthanth
Leiut Chamberlain. Heman Fay & John Johnson
Then Voted to Dissolve this Meeting Attt Elijah Brigham Moderr

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk.

Worcester ss
To Mess[rs] Jotham Bellows or Ezekiel Collins or Either of them
Constables for Southborough Greeting

You are hereby forthwith Requir. in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants within your Respective dettricts Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble att the meeting House in Southborough on Monday the Sixth day of Jan[y] next at one O the Clock. P. M. to act on the following articles Viz[t]

I To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting

II For the Town to hear the New Law Respecting the due Observation of the Lords day, and Chuse Wardens in Conformity to Said Law or act thereon as the Town shall think fit

3ly For the Town to hear the Vote of the Church in Southborough Respecting the Resettling a Gospel Minister in S[d] Southboro and for the Town to Join with the Church in any or all the Clauses in Said Vote. and the Town to pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the Same

4ly For the Town to hear the Report of the Committe chosen by the Town to hire Continental Soldiers. three of which Soldiers they hired of George Peachey. and have not Joined the army that we know of. for the Town to give the Committe Such Instructions as they Shall think fit as Agents for the Town to carry the Same to final Issue. or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town think fit when met

5 For the Town to Grant to the Widow Salter as much wood as the Town Shall agree upon for the Year Ensuing, and in Such method to procure the Same as the Town Shall agree upon

6ly For the Town to give Such directions Respecting money hired of John Johnson as the Town Shall think fit and pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town Shall think fit when met

7ly For the Town by their Vote or as called by Laws Establish a rule how the Constables for the Year 1780 Shall Receive hard money in Lieu of old Continental money that Remains due. and the Treasurer be directed to Receive the Same and pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town Shall think fit when met

8ly For the Town to determine how they will pay a Note Moses Bowce has against the Town or act theron as the Town Shall think fit when met

9ly To See if the Town will abate the Rates or part of the a Rate Set to Alexander Newton in a list of assessment committed to Paul Newton to collect

10ly To See if the Town will abate part of the Rates Set to Richard Barnes viz- his Personal Estate in a list of assessment Committed to Ezekiel Collins to Collect for Reasons hereafter to be known

11ly To See if the Town will make any allowance to School Master Ward for his Service the Last Year or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same

12ly For the Town to allow Town debts to those to whom the Town is Justly Indebted

13ly To See if the Town will Endemnifie the Last Years Constable from the cost of Excecations from the State Treasurer, if they will desist from making destraint for Taxes or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town Shall think fit when met

Turn Over

11thly } For the Town to hear & accept the Reports of Several Commilles viz. the Committe for Settling with Graftown and Westborough and the Commille for takeing care of Keith Amsden and Pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town Shall think fit.

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding said meeting

Dated at South borough & given under our hands & Seal this 30th day of Decem.r A.d. 1782

By Order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss Jan.y 6th 1783

In Obedience to this Warrant I have warned all in my district to meet at time and place as this Warrant directs

Jotham Bellows Constable for South borough.

Worcester ss. Jan.y 4th 1783

In Obedience to this Warrant I have warned all the Freeholder & other Inhabitants, within my district quallified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to appear at time and place preferibed in this Warrant

Ezekiel Collins Constable for South borough ...

The Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant & proceeded to act as follows - viz

Chose Lem.l Elijah Brigham Moderator

Voted to chuse two Wardens. Then Chose ... Then Sworn accordingly

Isaac Johnson & Lt Wm Onthank they was then Sworn accordingly

In Church meeting in South borough Decem.r 30th 1782 Voted that the Selectmen of Said South.b be desired to call a Town meeting for the Inhabitants of Said South borough to Signifie their minds Relateing to the Settlement of the Gospel Ministry in Said South.b and the Inhabitants are ready & willing to Join with the Church in Said South.b in giveing Mr William Plumbs a call to Settle in the Gospel Ministry in Said South borough. and provided they are willing & ready then to proceed with Said Church and give him the Said Mr Plumb a call to Settle in Said Ministry in Said South.b and also for Said Inhabitants to pass any other vote or votes necesary to accomplish his Settlement Settling as aforesaid that Said Inhabitants Shall think fit or proper when met.

Ordered that a copy of this vote be delivered to the Selectmen of Said South borough

NB the aforewritten is a true Copy of the Vote of Said Church

attest Jon.a Ward Clerk of Said Church

To the Selectmen of South borough

Then upon a Motion made to See if the Town were ready and willing for a choice of a Minister in South borough it passed in the affirmative -

Then Voted to Join with the Church in giveing Mr Wm Plumbs a call to the Office of the Gospel Ministry in South borough by a unanamous Vote three Excepted

Then voted to chuse a committe to draw up a formal call for Mr Plumbs to his Settlement in the Ministry with the Town-

Proposals for his Settlement & Sallary, and to be laid before the Town att their adjournment, and that the Committe consist of Seven, four of the Church and three of the Congregation then chose Col.o Ward, Isaac Johnson, Asahel Mathews Dea.n Fay Will.m Ontherth Majr. Champney and Lt. Elijah Brigham Committe

on ar. 4th } Voted that the committe chosen by the Town to hire the men Mentioned in this article, be Impowered by the Town to carry the matter to a final Issue - - - - - - - - - -

on ar. 5th } Voted five cord of wood to the Widows Salter the present yeer - then Voted to put the wood out to get to the lowest bidder - then put up and Struck of to Lieut. Edmund Chamberlain for Nine Shillings p.r Cord - - - - - - - - -

Southborough Jany 27th 1783

The Town met according to adjournment proceeded to act as follows viz -
on 12th Granted to Peter Stone £7 - 19 - for boarding Mr Lyon
on art 12th Voted to & Excepted of the Reports of the Two first committe which Reports may be found amongst the Town papers - -
Then Voted to chuse a committe to Examine the accounts of the comm[te] for taking care of Ruth Amsden — then chose —
Doc[r] Parker - Solomon Newton & Ezra Taylor committe
Voted that the Overseers of the poor be directed to take the child of Ruth Amsden & take care of it according to Law - - -
on art 3d Voted to put the call lately drawn up for Mr Plumbs into the Hands of a committe for a Alteration Respecting the Discipline of Church Government — Voted that the committe that waited upon Mr Plumbs be a committe for to make the amendment.
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to this day fortnight at One o Clock P.M.

Attt Elijah Brigham Moderator
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk —

Southborough Febry the 10th 1783. The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows - viz - - - - - - - -
Elijah Brigham the Moderator being absent the Town made choice of Nathan Brigden Moderator for the Remaing Business of this Warrant
on art 4th Voted to Refer the matter with the committe to act their discretion further upon the Matter - -
Then Voted to add two persons more to the Committe & Either three of the five be a committe to act on the matter then Chose Capt Newton & Majr Champney - - - - -
on art 5 after the Towns hearing the formal call to Mr Plumbs with the addition the Town Voted to accept the same which is as follows - viz - - -

Worcester ss Commonwealth of Massachusetts
In Town meeting in Southborough in Said County the church of Christ with others Inhabitants of Sd Southboro - being Legally assembled January 14 day A. D. 1783 and acting Jointly in Christian Union. have & do think proper to Elect and chuse Mr William Plumb of Middleton in the County of and State of Connecticutt, and do accordingly hereby Elect and make choice of him the Said William Plumb. and in a most Serious & Solemn manner invite and call him the Sd William Plumb. to Settle in the work of the gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ in Said Southborough & in Holy Fellowship & ~~Gospel~~ godly meekness & candor in the Capacity of a gospel preacher & Minister of Jesus Christ. to take the care and charge of and over Said Church & People in Said Southboro in the Lord: and in Said Office of a gospel Minister (the grace of god Enabling him) to discharge the various Duty's of a faithfull Minister of the Gospel according to the Rules laid down in the Holy Scriptures of the old and new Testament - - - -

and for a Reward of Said Services in Said work of Said Ministry we agree and Engage provided & on Condition the Said William Plumb accepts of Said call & is ordained to Said Pastoral Office in Said Southborough to him Said Mr Plumb his Heirs and assigns for ever the Sum of £300 - 0 - 0 Lawfull money for a Settlement accounting Spanish mill Dollar at

Six Shillings Each
and £80 0 0 Lawfull money accounting Spanish Milled
Dollers at 6/ Each Doller: and to deliver him 70 Cord of good wood
4 feet in length viz. to be paid & delivered at his dwelling House in
Said South borough. Yearly & Every year during the time he Remain
a Gospel Minister of Jesus Christ in Said South borough as and
for his Sallary. and provided also that the Said Mr William Plumb
Shall not claim to himself a Right to Negative the church in any
matters of church discipline and also agree to the church Covenant
till the church & Town & He Shall mutually agree to make an
alteration

Signed in behalf and by order of the
Committe Jon.a Ward Chairman

Then Voted to chuse a committe of two persons to Transmit a
copy of the call to Mr. Plumb
which Chose Doc.r Parker & Capt. Newton

on ar 13th } Voted to Reconsider the Votes on Said article

on ar 9th } Voted to abate the Rates Set to Alex.r Newton in Paul Newtons
List of assessment being £2. 15. 6

on ar 14th } Voted to Refer the Report of the committe to Examine the accon
of the Committe of Kathoonsden to March Meeting

Then Voted to dissolve this meeting
att.t Nathan.l Bridges Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Settlement With the Treasurer

At a meeting of the Selectmen South borough Feb.y 27th 1786
Having Examined the accounts of Mr. Nathan Bridges Treasurer
for South borough and find that he has been Chargable with Sum
of Twenty Nine Thousand three Hundred & Eight Pounds Six Shillings &
ten pence in Old Continental Money and he has Produced Vouchers
Shewing that he has paid the Sum of one Thousand Seven Hundred
Twenty Six Pounds fifteen Shillings and there is now in cash in
the Treasurer Twenty one Thousand three Hundred fifty Eight
Pounds Eight Shillings & Six pence and the Remainder Sum was
by Vote of the Town Consolidated which was in paper money
Six Thousand Two Hundred Twenty pounds Five Shilling &
four pence Which Sum Consolidated is Eighty Two pounds
Nineteen Shillings Six pence & three farthings
and also the further Sum in Silver money of Town Grants the
Sum of fifteen Hundred fifty four Pounds Seventeen Shillings
& Seven pence two farthings and he has Produced Vouchers
Shewing that he has paid out the Sum of five Hundred Ninety Six
Pounds fourteen Shillings & three pence and the Treasurer is
now Chargable with the Sum of Nine Hundred fifty Eight Pounds
three Shillings & four pence two farthings & the further Sum
of Eighty two Pounds Nineteen Shillings & Six pence three far-
things being the paper money Reduced being in the Whole
Charged to the Treasurer one Thousand forty one Pounds Two
Shillings & Eleven pence one farthing --

Elijah Brigham
Joshua Smith
Will.m Onthank
Herman Fay
} Selectmen for South borough

1783

(S.L) Worcester ss. To mess^rs Jotham Bellows & Ezekiel Collins Constables for Southborough, or either of them. Greeting

You are hereby forthwith required in the Name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts to warn all the Free-Holders & other Inhabitants within the Town of Southboro Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Publick meeting House in said Town on monday the third Day of march next at 12 o Clock at noon to act on the following articles. viz.

1. To Chuse a moderator for s^d meeting.
2. To Chuse Wardens & other Town officers for the year ensuing as the law Directs.
3. To Chuse some persons to inspect the killing of s^t Deer Contrary to law.
4. To Chuse Grave Diggers, a Pound Keeper, & some person to lock & unlock & Sweep the meeting House the Year Ensuing
5. For the Town to agree upon & Grant a Sum of money to repair high way for this year.
6. To agree upon & Grant a Sum of money to pay a Schoolmaster & other Town Debts.
7. To Chuse a Committee to hire a Schoolmaster the Year Ensuing.
8. For the Town to agree upon & allow all Town Debts & those to whom the Town is justly Indebted.
9. For the Town to Chuse a Committee to Squadron out the School if they See Cause.
10. For the Town to Determine whether their Swine shall run at large the Year Ensuing.
11. For the Town to Chuse overseers of the poor for the Year Ensuing.
12. To see if the Town will vote that the Continental Soldiers now in Service, having notes against the Town, & payable shall be allowed Interest from the Time they became Due, till paid: and those notes not yet payable, to be put on Interest as soon as they become due, if not paid before.
13. For the Town to hear the report of the Select men, by request of Capt Brigham, to alter the Road by Rabbit Swamp so Called, to the Road leading to Jon^a Nustons, & Discontinue the old Road & Establish the new one, as Stated by the Select men.
14. For the Town to Determine on a Time when the Constables viz. Gray & Parker, Shall Compleat their Collections, & Settle with the Treasurer, & Direct them by what warrent they shall Collect their Taxes.
15. To see if the Town will at their own Expence procure Grave-Stones for our late Rev^d Pastor Nathan Stone, or pass any vote about the Same as they think fit.

Here of fail not, and make return of this Warrent, & Your Doings to the Select men by the Time appointed for s^d meeting.

Dated at Southborough this 17. Day of Feb^y 1783. by order

1783

By order of the Select men. Joshua Smith Town Clerk.

Worcester ss Southboro march. 3. 1783. In obedience to this Warrent, I have warned all the Qualified voters in sd Town to assemble as within Directed, by Posting a Coppy of the same agreeable to a Vote of the Town

Ezek[l] Collins Constable for Southborough

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

March 3[d] 1783 The Town met pursuant to the foregoing Warrent and proceeded to act. viz.

1. Choose Lt Elijah Brigham moderator.

on art. 2. Choose for Wardens Mark Collins Jr. Samuel Newton who were Chosen the 4th Day

For Select men
Chose Wm Onthank
Heman Fay
Jonas Ball
Hez[h] Fay
Solomon Newton
on the 24th Day.

For Field-Drivers
Samuel Horne
Ironsbridge Taylor

Sealer of Leather. Wm Winchester

Fence Viewers Wm Onthank Jr
Chose the 4th Day:
Joseph Witherbee

Town Clerk. James Parker

Constables. John Bellows
Elijah Brigham.

Hogreaves.
Rob[t] Fay Jr.
Joseph Graves

Assessors James Parker
Solomon Newton
Mark Collins Jr.

Town Treasurer. Jonas Ball.

on the 3[d] article.
Chose. Asahel Mathews
Isaac Newton.

Highway Surveyors & Collect[r] of the money Granted to repair the same

on the 4th article
Chose Benj[a] Smith. Jonas Woods

Jedidiah Parker
Robert Horne
Ezek[l] Newton tertius
David Newton Chose
the 4th Day to serve as a
Surn for his son David.

And for Pound Keeper
Nicholas Hopping.

And to Lock & unlock and Sweep the meeting House
Chose Nicholas Hopping

Tything men. Ezek[l] Collins
Elisha Fay. Chose the 4th Day.

Then voted to adjourn the meeting to tomrrow at 1 o Clock P. M. at this place - att. Elijah Brigham Moderator

March 4th 1783. The Town met according to adjournment and proceeded to act, viz.

on art 5th } Agreed upon & Granted the Sum of forty Pounds to be assessed upon the polls & Estates ratable in Southboro to Repair Highways the Gear Ensuing -

on art 6th } Agreed upon, & Granted thirty Pounds to be assessed on the poll & Estates ratable in Southborough for the Sole purpose of maintaining a School -

Then Voted, that Each Squadron shall Draw their ratable Proportion of the money Granted for the purpose aforesd.

Then Voted to Chuse a Committee of 4 persons to Squadron out the School-money. And for sd Committee Chose Joshua Smith Esqr Ezra Taylor, Seth Newton and Mark Collins Jr

Then Agreed upon & Granted £370. to pay Town Debts to be assessed on the Polls & Estates ratable in Southboro.

on art 7th } Chose a Committee of 3 persons to hire a Grammer-School-master for the year Ensuing, viz. James Parker, Joshua Smith. Esqr mark Collins Jr -

The 9th art. passed in the negative.

The 10th art. passed in the affirmative -

on art 11th } Chose Ezekiel Newton tertius, Samuel Horne & Isaac Johnson. overseers of the Poor -

on the 12th art } Voted that all the Continental Soldiers Notes be put on Interest as fast as they become due and not paid -

on the 13th art } Voted that the Report of the Select men be passed over to the anual April meeting -

on the 14th art } Voted that the Constables, viz. Fay & Parker be allowed 3 months from this time, to Compleat their Collections & Settlement with the Treasurer, and that they Collect their Rates by their old Warrents -

on the 15th art } Voted to Erect a Monument with Brick & Stone over the Grave of our late Rev. Pastor - Then Chose to Effect the Same, Joshua Smith Esqr Ezra Taylor & Abner Parker

The Votes on this last art. were all reconsidered on March 17 Day 1783 -

on the 2nd. art } Voted that the Turn of a Constable for this year be Set at £3: 12. 0. Then voted to Set it up to the lowest Bidder for the west End. and it was Struck off to Elijah Brigham for 34. Dollars

The Select men & Constable appointed David Newton Sealer of Weights & Measures.

Then the meeting was adjourned to Friday next at 1.o Clock P. M. at this place

att Elijah Brigham Moderator

Southborough march 7th 1783. The Town met according to adjournment, and proceeded to act viz.

on the 8th art }	Granted to James Parker	£0: 3: 6
	Granted to John Prentice	7: 19. 1
	Granted to David Newton	1: 17. 5.
	Granted to Dr montague	0: 4. 6
	Granted to Wm Winchester	0. 9. 6
	Granted to John Newton	2. 0. 0
	Granted to Benja. Mercer	1. 13. 0
	Granted to Nicholas Hopping	1. 4. 0

Then Chose a Committee to transfer the Book. & papers from the former Clerk & Treasurer, to the present Clerk & Treasurer, viz. Wm Barnhank, Heman Kay, Ezra Taylor

Then leased the Burying yard to Effi Smith at 8/ for one year.

Then the meeting was adjourned to march 17th at 2.o Clock at this place

att Elijah Brigham Moderator

March 17. 1783. The Town met according to Djournment and proceeded to act. viz.

on the 8th art }	Granted to Abiel Mathews	£0. 12. 0
	Granted to Dr Montague	0. 6. 0
	Granted to Peter Stone	15. 0. 0
	Granted to Nath. Bridges	4. 11. 6
	Granted to Jonas Wood	1. 0. 0

Then adjourned the meeting monday the 24th Day at 1. o Clock P. M. at this place

att Elijah Brigham Moderator

Southborough march 24. 1783. The Town met according to adjournment & proceeded to act, viz.

on the 5th art } Voted that the price of Labour at the Highway shall be 3/ pr Day from the 1. of may to the 1 of octr and 2/ pr Day the rest of the year.

on the 8th art } Granted to Solomon Newton —— £2. 7. 0
Granted to Jonas Ball —— 2. 12. 0
Granted to Solomon Newton —— 1. 1. 8
Granted to Wm Cranthank —— 12. 14. 2
Granted to Jonas Ball —— 5. 0. 0
Granted to Solomon Newton —— 5. 4. 0

The Town officers chosen at the foregoing meetings, except the Deer-keeves, and Sealer of Weights & Measures were Sworn to the faithful Discharge of their respective offices, Coram Joshua Smith Just. Pacis

Then the meeting was Disolved.

att Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Treasurer Charged with money. 1783.

The Committee appointed to transfer the Book & papers from the late Clerk & Treasurer, Delivered into the hands of the present Treasurer one thousand, one hundred & Seventy pounds five shillings & three pence, besides paper money; how many pounds unknown to one J. Parker

Also June 2. 1783 A note of 18/ belonging to the Town was Delivered into the Treasurer's Hands ——

Receipt for three Continental men

Boston march 6th 1782 This Day Rec'd three men from the Town of Southborough to serve in the army for three Years which makes up their full Quota

Seth Washburn, Superintendant

A True Copy att Wm Greenlief Sheriff

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

(1). Worcester ss. To Elijah Brigham and John Bellows Constables for Southborough or Either of them Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough, in your respective Districts, Qualified by Law, to Vote for a Governor, Lt. Governor, Councellors & Senators, to assemble at the meeting House in S. Town on monday the 7th Day of April next, at 10 Clock P. M. to act on the following articles, viz.

1st. For the Town to bring in their votes for a Governor, Lt. Governor Councellors & Senators for the year Ensuing, agreeable to the Constitution.

2. To Chuse a moderator for the remaining Buisness of S. meeting.

3. To hear the report of the Committee for Disposing high ways and Discontinue, & make Sale of any high Ways to any person as the Town shall think fit.

4 To abate the Rates set to Josiah Bridges in a Lift Committed to John Richards a. d. 1781

5. To abate the Rates set to Luke Newton in a Lift Committed to Hezk Jay a. d. 1780.

6. To Chuse a Committee to repair the meeting House as the Town shall think fit.

7. To hear & accept a Lift of Jurors & Seperate one fourth part for the Superior Bose

8 To allow Town Debt. to whom the Town is indebted.

Hereof fail not, & make Return of this Warrent & your Doings thereon, to the Select men, by the Time appointed for S. meeting Dated at Southboro, this 26 Day of March, A. D. 1783

By order of the Select men, James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Southborough April 7. 1783.

I have warned the Qualified voters in my District, to attend at the Time & place and for the purpose mentioned in the foregoing Warrent.

Elijah Brigham Constable for Southboro

Worcester ss March 28. 1783. In obedience to this Warrent, I have duly Executed the same according to the Directions thereof. John Bellows Constable for Southborough

Recorded by James Parker, Town Clerk

Southborough April 7th 1783. The Town met pursuant to the foregoing Warrent & proceeded to act, viz.
The Town brought in their votes for a Governor viz. for
The Hon. Benj.a Lincoln Esqr — — — 16. Votes.
For the Hon.k James Bowdoin Esqr — — 3. votes.
For Lt. Governor, Gen.l Palmer — — — 16. votes.
For first Senator, Hon. Israel Nichols Esqr — 11. votes.
and for Col.o Jon.a Ward — — — — 1. vote.
2. For the Hon. Sam.l Baker Esqr — — — 14. Votes
3. For the Hon. Seth Washburn Esqr — — — 11. Votes
4. For the Hon. Jon.a Warner Esqr — — 9. votes
and for the Hon. moses Gill — — 1. Vote
5. For the Hon. John Spraigue Esqr — — 12 votes

Then Chose Wm Onthank moderator

on the 3. article, the Report of the Committee for Disposing of high ways, was read, but not accepted.

On art 4th voted to abate Josiah Bridges Rates in Constable Richards List.

The 5th Article passed in the Negative.

on the 6th art Voted to Chuse a Committee of 3. to repair the meeting-House. viz. Nathan Bridges, Elijah Brigham, Esqr Smith.

on the 7th art accepted a List of Jurors, and Separated one fourth part for the Superior Bar.

Then the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 9th Instant at 10 Clock. P. M.

att Wm Onthank moderator.

April 9th 1783. The Town met according to adjournment and proceeded to act, viz.

on the 8th art Granted to David Newton £2: 2: 0
Granted to Ezra Taylor — — 8: 9: 0

Then the meeting was by vote Disolved

att Wm Onthank, Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

(S.L.) Worcester ss. To Elijah Brigham Constable for Southboro. Greeting
you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants of the Town
of Southborough, Qualified to vote, by Law, in the Choice of a
Representative, and other Town affairs, to assemble at the meet-
-ing House in said Town, on monday the 12th Day of may next
at 10 Clock. P. M. to act on the following articles viz.

1. To Elect and Depute some person to represent sd Town in the great
& General Court of this Commonwealth, the year Ensuing
2. To Chuse a moderator for the remaining Buisness of sd meeting.
3. As John Bellows who was Chosen Constable, in march last, has
removed out of Town; For the Town to Chuse another Constable in
his Room.
4. To hear the Report of the Committee for hiring three Continental
men, and act thereon as the Town shall think fit.
5. For the Town to take into Consideration, the Rate set to David
Fay, in a Lift of Assessment Committed to John Richards to
Collect for the year 1781. and act thereon as they shall think fit.
Here of fail not, and make Return of this Warrent, & your
Doings thereon ~~to the~~ to the Select men by the Time appp-
-ointed for said meeting. Dated at Southborough this
28th Day of April A.D. 1783.

By order of the Selectmen, James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. may 12th 1783. In obedience to this Warrent
I have warned all the Inhabitants of the Town of South-
-borough, as within Directed, by posting a Coppy of the same
agreeable to a Vote of the Town.

Elijah Brigham, Constable for Southborough

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

May 12th 1783. The Town met pursuant to the foregoing Warrent
and proceedd to act as follows, viz
on the first article Chose Capt. Seth Newton to represent the Town
in the General Court, the Year Ensuing, who accepted the
Trust.

on art 2nd } Choose Elijah Brigham moderator.

on the 3. article Choose Ezra Taylor Constable for the Year Ensuing.
Then voted to give him twenty two Dollars
Then on a Particular occasion Dismised Elijah Brigham and
Choose Wm Onthank as moderator in his Room.

The 4th and 5th articles were passed over. Elijah Brigham, moderator

Then voted to adjourn the meeting to may 21. at 1 Clock P. M.

Wm Onthank moderator

May 21. 1783. The Town met according to adjournment &
proceeded to act as follows, viz.

on the 5th art } Voted that the Town will indemnifie the Assessors who
made the Rate set to David Fay in John Richards Left
if an action or Suit shall be brought against them or
any of them on that account.

Then by vote the meeting was Dissolved.

att Wm Onthank Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

(S.) Worcester ss. To Elijah Brigham & Ezra Taylor Constables for
South Borough, or either of them — — Greeting.

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants of the
Town of South Borough, Qualified by law, to vote in Town
affairs to assemble at the public meeting House in said Town
on Wednesday the 21st Day of may Current, at 1 Clock P. M.
to act on the following articles viz.

1. To Chuse a moderator for said meeting.
2. To hear the adress & Resolve of the Town of Boston Dated
April 16th & 17th 1783. relating to the Return of the Refugees or
absentees, & to act thereon as they shall think fit.
3. To Chuse a Committee to instruct our Representative relative to
the fines laid on this Town by the General Court of this Common-
wealth, & also Respecting the proportion of s'd Town with Regard
to the public Taxes, and act thereon as they shall think fit.
4. For the Town to determine whether the assessors Shall pay any
regard to the appraizement made by the Committee for that purpose
or make a new one according to their own Judgments.

Hereof fail not, and make Return of this Warrent and your

your Doings thereon to the Seled men by the Time appointed for said meeting. Dated at Southborough this 13th Day of May A.D. 1783.

By order of the Select men, James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Southborough may 21. 1783. I have fully Executed the foregoing Warrent as therein Directed

Ezra Taylor Constable for Southborough

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Southborough may 21. 1783. The Town met pursuant to the foregoing Warrent & proceeded to act, viz.

1. Choose Wm onthank moderator.

Then voted to act on the second article

Then voted to Dismiss Wm onthank as moderator and Choose Nathan Bridger in his room.

att Wm onthank moderator

Then voted to pass over the 2nd art. during the Town pleasure

on the 2 & 3d art's Choose a Committee to prepare Instructions for their Representative, viz. Asahel Mathews, Aty. Jay Joshua Smith Esqr. Then added two more to Said Committee viz. Heman Jay. Col. Ward. D Com.tee to report at the next adjournment.

The 4th art was passed over.

on the 2nd art. Voted that the Town approve of the Resolve of the Town of Boston Dated april 10. 1783. relative to the Return of the absentees.

Then adjourned the meeting to to monday Next at 4 o'clock at this place. att Nathen Bridger moderator.

May 26. 1783. The Town met according to adjournment, and proceeded to act. viz. The moderator being absent The Town Choose Wm onthank in his room.

Then added two more to the Com.tee for instructing our Representative. viz. Jonas Ball, mark Collins Jr.

Then voted to adjourn the meeting to monday next at 4. o'Clock P. M. at this place.

att Wm Onthank Moderator

Treasurer charged with a Note of 18/

June 2. 1783. The Town met according to adjournment and proceeded to act viz.

A note of 18/ belonging to the Town was delivered into the Hand of the Treasurer.

Then two petitions to the Genl Court for the abatement of fines were presented to the Town by the Committee for instructing our Representative, ~~one~~ ~~presented to the~~ ~~Town~~, and accepted, and the Town Clerk ordered to draught and deliver them to the Representative, to be, by him presented to the Genl Court.

Then the meeting was by vote dissolved

att Wm Cuthank Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

(S.t) Worcester ss. To Elijah Brigham & Ezra Taylor Constables for Southborough, or Either of them - - Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough, Qualified by Law. to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Public meeting House in s.d Town, on monday the 2nd Day of June Next, at 2. o Clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz.

First To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting.

2. To Chuse an Agent or Agents or any other person or persons to Defend the action or Suit, brought against Solomon Newton & Ezra Taylor, by David Fay of Framingham, or act thereon as they shall think fit.

3. To Chuse a Committee to Call to account the Committee formerly Choose by the Town to hire Continental men or act otherwise as the Town shall think fit.

4. For the Town to abate the Rates of any person or persons who shall apply for the same. Hereof fail not. and make Return of this Warrent & your doings thereon to the Select men, by the Time appointed for s.d meeting.

Dated at Southborough this 26th Day of may A. D. 1783.

By order of the Select men James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss Southborough June 2. 1783. in obedience to this Warrent I have warned the inhabitants of the Town of Southborough to appear as therein Directed.

Elijah Brigham Constable for Southboro

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

June 2. 1783. The Town met pursuant to the foregoing Warrent and proceeded to act viz.

First Choose Elijah Brigham Moderator

on art the 2nd } voted that the Town will pay the Cost that has or may arise in Defence of the Suit or action brought against Solomon Newton, & Ezra Taylor, by David Fay of Framingham.

The 3d art. was passed over.

on the 4th art } Voted to abate the Rate set to Simeon Harry in a List of assessment Committed to Ezekiel Collins to Collect.

Then adjourned the meeting for one hour.

att. Elijah Brigham Moderator

June 2. 1783. The meeting being opened according to adjournment, the Town voted to Dissolve the meeting.

att Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

Treasurer Charles £1:2:0 1783.

Septr. — 1783. Delivered into the Hands of Jona. Bell, Treasurer for Southborough £1. 2. 0. it being money Delivered by Joshua Smith Esqr for Breach of Sabbath for the use of the Town

Perambulation A.D. 1782.

Southborough April 22. 1782. We the Subscribers being Duly appointed, have perambulated & renewed bounds between the Towns of marlborough and Southborough to the Satisfaction of both parties

William Brigham
Moses Woods
Wms. Brigham
Committee for marlborough.

Nathan Bridges
John Johnson
Committee for Southborough

Framingham may 4th 16. A.D. 1788.

Gentlemen, as the Time is now come when the law requires that the lines between Towns should be perambulated, the Select men of Framingham have appointed Tuesday the 27th Day of may Instant at 9 o'Clock. A. M. to meet at the House of Thimothy Parmenter in Southborough for that purpose, Either by themselves or Representatives to meet your Selves or Such as you shall imploy for the above purpose.

By order of the Select men, I am, Gentlemen
your humble Servt.
Lawson Buckminster Town Clerk.

Gentlemen Select
men of Southboro

Southborough may 21. 1788. The Select men of B Town have appointed James Bridger & Trowbridge Taylor to attend the Buisness as above required

By order of the Select men
James Parker Town Clerk

May 27th 1788. These may Certifie that we the Subscribers being appointed to perambulate the line between Framingham & Southborough have met the within named Committee at marlboro Corner, and renewed 19 Bounds between B Corner and Stones Corner: then not agreeing we proceeded no further

Gentlemen Select men
of Southborough

David Brewer
Lawson Buckminster

Perambulation A.D. 1788

Southboro. April 21. 1788. We the Subscriber being duly appointed to perambulate & renew the bounds between Southboro & Northboro. have performed the Buisness to the Satisfaction of Both parties. witness our Hands

Nathan Bridger
Mark Ellis Jr.
For Southborough

Levi Brigham
Isaac Davis
For Northboro.

Perambulation A.D. 1783

South Borough April 21. 1783.

We the Subscribers being duly appointed to perambulate & renew bounds between the Town of Westborough and Southborough have performed that Business and renewed fourteen Bounds in Number. the last bound is seventeen Rod Southeasterly of the old Corner mark as it was reputed to be the Corner of Westborough & Southborough; but as the line was run by the Committees from the Proprietors & Towns of Westborough & Southborough, settled the above line in Dispute, the last bound was Demolished as it has been before, and we have Erected another in the Room in the same spot where the old one was, to the acceptance of the parties

For Westborough
James Hawes
Edmond Brigham

For Southborough
Nathan Bridges
Mark Collins Jr

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

(S2) Worcester ss To Elijah Brigham and Ezra Taylor Constable. for Southborough or either of them - Greeting You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough Qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the public meeting House in S Town on monday the first Day of Sept next at 2 o Clock P. M. to act on the following articles, viz.

1. To Chuse a Moderator for S Meeting.
2. For the Town to Determine what they will do relating to the Suit or action brought against the Town, by Mr Walter Lyon, and to Chuse an agent or agents to Defend the same if they See fit.
3. For the Town to hear the Report of Capt Newton relating to the fines laid on this Town by the Gen Court, & Give the assessors such instructions relative to the Resolve of the Gen Court Concerning said fines, as the Town shall think fit.

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4th To See if the Town will Direct the assessors not to assess any more Town Grants untill the former Constables have Compleated their Collections & Settled with the Treasurer and Give the Treasurer Such Instructions relating to Settling with the former Constables as they Shall think fit.

5. For the Town to Give the Committee for repairing the meeting House Such Instructions as they Shall think fit.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrent & your Doings thereon to the Select men by the Time appointed for said meeting. Dated at Southboro the 25th Day of Augt 1703.

By order of the Select men, James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss Septr 1. 1703. I have fully Executed this Warrent as within Directed

Jr Ezra Taylor Constable for Southboro

Septr 1. 1703. The Town met pursuant to the foregoing Warrent & proceeded to act as follows. viz.

1st Choose Wm Onthank moderator

On art 2nd } Voted to Chuse an agent to Defend the Suit or action brought against the Town by Mr Walter Lyon for D agent Choose Col. Jona Ward

Then Voted to Chuse another agent to act jointly with Col. Ward, or Severally, in D affair viz. Ezra Taylor.

on the 3d art } Voted that the assessors take back the State tase No 3. lately Committed to the Constables of this Town and make a Smaller Rate agreeable to a Resolve of the Genl Court.

on the 4th art } Voted that the assessors Shall not assess any more Town Grants untill the further order of the Town.

Voted that the Treasurer issue his Execution against the former Constables viz. Hezekh Fay & Benja Parker if they do not Compleat their Collections with him within Six Weeks.

Voted that the Treasurer issue his Execution against the former Constables viz. Paul Newton & John Richards if they do not pay in one half in their hands by the first of Decr next, and the other half by the first of march next.

on the 5th art } Voted that the Committee repair the meeting House at their own Diferetion. Then voted to Dissolve the meeting. Attt Wm Onthank, moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

(52.) Worcester ss. To Elijah Brigham & Ezra Taylor Constables for Southborough, or either of them — Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro Qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the public meeting House in said Town on monday the 24th of Nov. Curr. at 1. o Clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz.

1. To Chuse a moderator for s.d Meeting.
2. For the Town to Dispose of the Tools belonging to s.d Town which were procured for the Exigencies of the war in such manner as they shall think fit.
3. For the Town to Grant the Wid. Salten some Wood, & Determine how much.
4. To abate the Rates set to Solomon Leonard in a List of assessment Committed to John Richards to Collect.
5. For the Town to Chuse a Committee to Confer with mr Wm Rumb relating to his giving his answer to the Call the Town has Given him to settle with them in the Gospel Ministry, and act relating to s.d Call as the Town shall think fit.

Hereof fail not, and make Return of this Warrent & your Doings thereon to the Select men by the Time appointed for said meeting. Dated at South boro the 14th Day of Nov. A.D. 1788

By order of the Select men, James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Nov. 24th 1788.

By Virtue of this Warrent I have warned all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of this Town to appear as within Directed

Elijah Brigham Constable for Southboro

Nov.r 24.th 1783. The Town met pursuant to the foregoing Warrent and proceed to act Viz.

1. Chose Elijah Brigham moderator

on art the 2.nd } Voted to sell the Tool belonging to the Town at a vendue, at the meeting house to the highest Bidder and the money for the same to be paid Down — Said Tools, viz. Shovels, axes, & pick axes were sold at vendue for £3: 2: 0

on art the 3.d } Voted to get five Cord of Wood for the Widows Salter, to be Vandued to the lowest Bidder, which was struck off to mark Collins Jr. at 6/ pr Cord.

on the 4.th art } Voted to abate the Rates set to Solomon Leonard in a List Committed to John Richard to Collect being £2: 3: 4.

The 6.th article was passed over.

Then, by vote, the meeting was Dissolved.

att Elijah Brigham, Moderator

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerke

Treasurer Charged £3: 2: 0

Nov.r 24.th 1783. The Treasurer was Charged with £3: 2: 0. it being for the Tool belonging to the Town which were sold at Vendue on a meeting according to the 2.nd article

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerke

(J.L.) Worcester ss. To Elijah Brigham & Ezra Taylor Constables for Southborough, or either of them — Greeting. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts, forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough qualified, by law, to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the publick meeting House in s.d Town on monday the 12. Day of Jan.y Instant at 1.o Clock. P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

1. To Chuse a moderator for said meeting.
2. For the Town to give the Assessors Instructions to assess the money granted by said Town in march last if they shall think fit.

3. For the Town to Call Benjamin Mixer to an account for the Rent of the old Clay-Pit Road, leading from John Angier's to the Road from Jotham Bellows to Benj.a mixer's, and open the same, or act thereon as the Town shall think fit.

Hereof fail not. & make return of this Warrent to the Selectmen, by the Time appointed for said meeting. Dated at Southborough the 5th Day of January A.D. 1784.

By order of the Selectmen, James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Jan.y 12. 1784. I have fully Executed the within Warrent as within Directed.

pr Ezra Taylor Constable for Southborough

Southborough Jan.y 12. 1784. The Town met pursuant to the foregoing warrent & proceeded to act as follows. viz.

First Choose Jon.a Ward Esqr. moderator.

on the 2nd art. } Voted that the assessors for the Time being, shall assess the money granted by the Town in march last

on art the 3d. } Voted to open the old Clay-Pit Road leading from John Angier's to the Road leading from Jotham Bellows to Benj.a mixers allowing Benj.a mixer a reasonable Time to fence against the same.

Voted that Benj.a mixer shall be allowed untill the first of Nov.r next to fence against the afore said Road.

Then, by vote the meeting was dissolved.

att Jon.a Ward Moderator.

Recorded by James Parker Town Clerk

1784 Settlement with the Treasurer

Southborough Feb.y 23. 1784. at a meeting of the Select men of Southborough they Having Examined the accounts of Jonas Ball Treasurer for Southborough, find he has been Chargable with the Sum of one thousand one hundred Seventy five pounds Seven Shillings and three pence, Exclusive of the Rates Committed to Constables Brigham & Taylor for the present Year: and that he has produced Vouchers Shewing that he has paid five hundred Eighty Eight pounds thirteen shillings and Eleven pence; and the said Treasurer is now Chargable with five hundred Eighty Six pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence now in the Constables Hands, and that he has paid Thirty Seven pounds Six Shillings and four pence and one farthing more than he has Received.

Willm Oliphant
Hezekiah Gray
Solomon Newton
Heman Gray
} Select men for South boro—

Recorded by order of the Select men, James Parker Town Clerk

(L.S.) Worcester ss. To Elijah Brigham & Ezra Taylor Constables for Southborough or Either of them — Greeting

You are hereby Requir.d in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble at the Publick Meeting House in said Town on Monday the first Day of March Next at 12. o'Clock at noon to act on the following articles viz.

First To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting

2. To Chuse Town Officers for the Year Ensuing as the Law directs

3. To Chuse Grave Diggers a Pound keeper & some person to Lock unlock and Sweep the Meeting House

4. To agree upon and Grant a Sum of Money to Repair Highways in said Town

5. To agree upon and Grant a Sum of money to pay a School master and other Town Debts

6. To Chuse a Committe to Hire a School master the Year Ensuing

7. To Chuse a Committe to Squadron out the School
8. To See if the Town will Build a Large School house in the Centre of the Town and have the School kept in the Centre Six months in a Year. and Chose a Committe to oversee the Same Built. or act otherwise as they Shall think fit
9. To allow Town Debts to those to whom the Town is Justly Indebted
10. For the Town to Determine whether the Continental Soldiers Shall have full pay for the last Six Months they were Engaged and to give them absolute Security for what Shall appear to be their Just due & Chuse some person or persons to Settle with and give them Security. in behalf of the Town
11. To See if the Town will Receive paper Money for any part of the Rates Committed to Constable Fay & Set to Richard Barns; and also the Rates Set to John Bellows & Committed to Committee to Constable Parker to Collect
12. To determine Whether Swine Shall Run at Large the Year Ensuing
13. To here the Report of the Committe for hireing Continental Soldiers provided they are Ready to Report
14. For the Town to abate the Rates of any person or persons who Shall apply for the Same; as the Town Shall think fit
15. For the Town to Discontinue & Sell to Nathan Brigham Jr. the Whole or any part of the Rode leading Round Rabbit Swamp from Jones Balls to James Parkers. or act otherwise theron as the Town Shall think fit

Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant to the Selectmen by the time appointed for Said meeting
Dated at Southborough the 13th day of February A. D. 1784 —

By Order of the Selectmen, James Parker Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Southborough March 1. 1784.

In Obedience to this Warrant I have warnd the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs by Posting a Copy agreeable to a Vote of the Town

Elijah Brigham } Constable
} Southborough

Recorded by Josh Hartwell Town Clerk

Turn Over —

Southborough March 5. 1784 The Town met pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and Proceeded to act as follows—viz)—

1. Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator

on art 2d Wardens. Nathan Fay & Josiah Moore

Selectmen. Elijah Brigham, Joshua Smith Esq, Jonas Ball, Wm Onthank & Ezra Taylor

Town Clerk James Parker

Town Treasurer Jonas Ball

Constables Joshua Smith Excused by Vote for his many Services for the Town Equivilant to the Serving of Constable
Joah Newton.
Zaccheus Witherbee

Then Voted to Adjourn this meeting to Monday next at One O. Clock P. M. att this place

att Elijah Brigham moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

March the 8th 1784. The Town met according to adjournment & Proceeded to act as follows—viz)

on art 2d Voted to Excuse Joah Newton from Serveing Constable for the Year Ensuing

Then Chose Heman Fay Constable for the Year Ensuing

For Assessors Chose — Ezra Taylor, Mark Collins Jun, Joshua Smith Excused by Vote, Solomon Newton

Then Voted to Excuse Jonas Ball from Serveing Treasurer and Chose Mark Collins Jun in his Room

Then Voted to Excuse James Paker from Serveing Town Clerk and Chose Joshua Smith in his Room

Then Voted to Choose three Overseers of the Poor for the Ensuing Year—Then Chose. Isaac Johnson, Samuel Horne & Peter Fay

Surveyors of Highways & Collecters of the Money Granted to Repair them — Eben.r Bellows, Joseph Onthank, Samuel Chamberlain, Peter Fay

Scaling Lumber — Heza.h Fay, Asahel Mathews, Elijah Brigham

Field Drivers — Frobridge Taylor, Robert Horne

Fence Viewers — Mark Collins Jun.r Esq.r, Jonathan Champney

Sealer of Leather — John Angier

Hogg Reeves — David Peirce — Hezekiah Bridges, Dan.l Montague & James Capen

Then Voted to Excuse Zaccheus Wetherbee from Serving Constable and Chose John Johnson in his Room

Then Voted to pass over to the 10. article

On a Motion made. whether the Soldiers should be allowed full pay. for the last Six months they were Engaged in the Service.

The Question being put it Passed in the Negative

Then Voted that the Selectmen take up the Soldiers Notes. and give them Security for what Shall appear to be Due

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Thursday Next at One o Clock P.M. at this place.

Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

The Town met according to adjournment March 11. 1784.

Proceeded to act as follows - viz

on art 2 Chose Timothy Bellows & Abner Parker Dear Reaves
Excused Probridge Taylor from Serving a Feild Driver &
Chose Asa Fay in his Room

on art 3 Chose Benja Smith Timothy Bellows Grave diggers
for a Pound keeper Chose Nicholas Hopping
To Sweep Lock & unlock the Meeting House Nicholas Hopping

on art 4th Granted the Sum of Fifty Pounds £50-0-0
to Repair High Ways the Year Ensuing to be Assessed on the
Poles and Ratable Estates in South Borough

Voted that the price of Labor done at High Ways the Ensuing
Year be Set as follows - viz - from the first of May to the
first of Sept be 3/ pr day - and Two Shillings & Six pence at
other Seasons in the Year

on art 5th Agreed upon and Granted the Sum of Forty Pounds £40-0-0
To be Assessed on Poles and Ratable Estate in said Town.
for the Sole Purpose of Maintaing a School

on art 6th Voted to Chuse a Committe of three persons to hire a
School Master for the Ensuing Year
Then Chose Jonas Ball - Elijah Brigham & Mr Thompson

Then Voted to pass over the 7th article for the present

on art 8th Passed in the Negative

on art 9th Voted To Chuse a Committe of five persons to Superintend
ron out the School for the Year Ensuing. Then Chose
Joshua Smith - Jonas Ball - John Richards - Mark Collins Jr
and Solomon Newton Committe

Turn Over

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on art 9th } allowed & Granted to Absolom Ward £ 0 - 5 - 1
Jonathan Ward ---- 0 - 9 - 0
Joshua Smith ---- 0 - 13 - 0
Isaac Johnson ---- 4 - 2 - 0 - 2
Samuel Horne ---- 4 - 11 - 1
Peter Stone ---- 4 - 4 - 0
Nicholas Hopping --- 0 - 16 - 0
Jonas Ball ---- 4 - 0 - 0
Mark Collins Junr ---- 1 - 8 - 0
allowed the 13. day. Seth Newton ---- 6 - 15 - 0
Jonas Ball ---- 6 - 6 - 0
Solomon Newton ---- 2 - 1 - 0
Majr Champney ---- 2 - 8 - 0
Capt Winchester ---- 7 - 16 - 0
1 - 18 - 4
James Parker ---- 9 - 13 - 2
John Prentice ---- 6 - 0 - 0
David Newton ---- 2 - 14 - 5
Nathan Bridges ---- 6 - 12 - 0
John Johnson ---- 4 - 3 - 0
Peter Stone ---- Total £ 86 - 15 - 1 - 2

Then Voted to Benjamin Parker & Lt Hezh Fay 28 Dollers to Each of them for Service as Constable to Consolidate what they have Recd by the Scale and the Select men to Give them an order to Each to make the Sum up to £8 - 8 - - a peice.

Hezekiah Fay ---- 8 - 8 - 0
Benja Parker ---- 8 - 8 - 0 -
Sum Total £ 103 - 11 - 1 - 2

on art 2d } Excused Isaac Johnson from Serveing as an Oversear of the poor. & Chose Lt Elisha Fay in his Room

on art 15th } Voted to pass over to the 15th art for the present Said article So far as it Respected John Bellows Passed in the Negative

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Saturday next at Nine o Clock A.M. Attt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Southborough March 13th 1784 The Town met according to adjournment Proceeded to act as follows-viz.

on art 15th } John Bellows again made application for Constable Parkers Receiving paper money and it passed in the Negative
the Request that Constable Fay Should Receive Paper Money of Richard Barnes also passed in the Negative

on art 2d } Heman Fay Chosen Constable at the other
meeting proposed to pay his fine Likewise John Johnson
The Town then Voted to accept £3-12- & so Return for
Serving Constable then Voted Set up & hire Constables at
the lowest Bid Voted that this should be the last time the
Town would Get Constables in this Way
the Constable for the Ensuing Year Nathan Bridges was the
lowest Bidder struck off to him for £6-0-0 for the West
End Nathan Bridges the Lowest Bidder £6-0-0 Heman
Fay then paid his money down to Nathan Bridges in part
of his Six pounds. John Johnson then Gave Bridges a Note on
demand for his fine or Return which Bridges accepted as part
of the £6-0- Mr. Bridges was then Sworn Constable for the
whole Town

on art 12th } Voted that the Swine Run at Large the Ensuing Year
on art 13th } So far Accepted of the Report of the Committee as to
allow their several accompts

on art 2d } Voted to Excuse Solomon Newton Ezra Taylor and
Mark Collins Jun.r from Serving Assessors
Then Chose Mah Collins Jun.r Abner Parker & Benj.a Parker
assessors

on art 14th } The Town then Voted to abate the Rates set to Frank Downs
in Constable Brighams Lift of Assessment Being £0-12-0
and also the Rate set to Semion Harry in Brigham's Lift of
assessment being £1-8-8

on art 15th } Voted to pass over for the present

The Town then Voted that Gideon Bellows be Boarded out the
Year Ensing to Such person as Would take him the Cheapest- John
Johnson took him at three Shilling per Week
The Town then Leased the Burying the Present Year for Six Shillings &
Eight pence To Thomas Stone the to mow the Brush
Then the Selectmen with a Constable appointed David Newton
Sealer of Weights and Measures
The Town Officers being all Sworn Except the Beer Reaves and
Elijah Brigham Tything man the Town then Voted to adjourn this
meeting to the first monday in April Next at 4 O Clock P. M. at all
this Place

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator
Recorded by Jo.h Smith Town Clerk

South borough April 5th 1784 The Town met according to
adjournment Proceeded to as follows viz

on art 15th } Passed in the Negative
on art 2d } Granted to Ezra Taylor £5-6-0
Samuel Hudson Jun.r Brought a Letter to Town Respecting
the providing for his Father The Town then
Voted to Give Samuel Hudson Jun.r three Shillings P Week
from this Meeting to next March for Boarding Washing &
Mending for his father besides Extraordinary Charges
as Sickness &c.
Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator
Recorded by Jo.h Smith Town Clerk

The Town not appointing any Committe to Transfer the Papers and other Matters belonging to The Treasury from the Old Treasury to Mark Collins Junr. The Present Treasurer. the Selectmen have Committed to Sd Collins Six Hundred Twenty four Pounds Twelve Shillings Six pence & ~~two~~ one farthing from Ball the Former Treasurer to Collins the present Treasurer— and also the further Sum of four Hundred Pounds in the Hands of Constables Brigham and Taylar— being in the Whole £1024-12-6¼ — — — — — — — — — —

Exclusive of the Paper Money in the Settlement with Bridges a former Treasurer — —

Southborough March 23d 1784 — —

By order of the Selectmen Jo Thwartwith Town Clerk

The following are Charges against the Treasurer for the Year 1784 - viz. The Loan of the Burying yard £0-6-8.

May 3d 1784 Capt William Winchester Gave a Note to the Town for the Sum of — — — — — — — — £3-12-0-

Augt 30th 1784 Samuel Hudson Junr Paid to the Treasurer the Sum of Six Shillings for Land his Shop Stands upon — — — 0-6-0

Treasurer Charged with one Shilling of Jedidiah Parkers Recd for highway Rates. Feb 23d 1785 — — 0-1-0-0

The Treasurer — Chargeable with the Sum of £283-3-

he a Note from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth bearing dated Feb 1st 1784 - in favor of the Town of Southborough

Treasurer Chargable with £0-14-3 — Land Sold Abner Parker and Samuel Hudson Junr — — — — — — — —

Southborough Apl 20th 1789

To the Selectmen of said Southborough Gentlemen the Church of Christ in Southboro being Met that day in Church Meeting

Voted that they are So far Sattisfide with Mr Nath Howard of Ipswich that has lately been preaching among us as a Candidate on probation, as that Said Chh is ready to, and do now give him a Call to Settle with us in the Gospel Ministry in Said Southborough, and desire the Selectmen of Said Southborough to Insert an Article in the Next Warrant they Shall Issue to Call a Town Meeting in Said Southboro. to See if the Inhabitants of Said Southboro, are redoy to Join with the Said Chh in Giveing Said Howard Smith and Join with the Said Chh in Giveing Said Howard a Call to Settle as above Mentioned and proceed to Grant Money to pay him a Settlement and Sallery for his Encouragement to Settle as afore Said or for the Town to act on the affair as they may think best when met & Stephen Jackson Moderator Ordered that the Clerk of Said Chh Forward a Copy of this Vote to the Said Selectmen a true Copy Examined Recd & Recorded by Thr Montague Clerk of Said Church Test Josia Ward Clerk

Worcester ss. To Elijah Brigham & Ezra Taylor Constables for South borough of Either of them — Greeting

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to Warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in South borough on Monday the first Day of March next at 4. O Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles viz.

First To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2ly For the Town to Hear a Letter from nine Towns in the County of Worcester for the purpose of Calling a Convent at Worcester for the Redress of Greavances and for the Town to act theron as they shall think fit

3ly For the Town to hear the Report of Solomon Newton & Ezra Taylor Respecting the action brought against them by David Gray of Framingham and for the Town to act thereon as they shall think fit

Hereof fail not and Make due Return of this Warrant & of your doings unto the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding said meeting

Willm Conthank } Selectmen
Jonas Ball } for
Solomon Newton } South borough

South borough Feb.y 20th 1784.

Worcester ss March 1st 1784

I have fully Executed this Warrant as within directed

Ezra Taylor Constable for South borough

South borough March 8. 1784 The Town met Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and Proceeded to act as follows. Viz —

1st Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator

Then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to Monday next at 4. O Clock P. M. at this place

Att Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

March 8th 1784 The Town met according to Adjournment proceeded to act as follows viz

Voted to Adjourn the Meeting to Thursday next at 4. O Clock P. M.

Att Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

South borough March the 11th 1784 The met according to Adjournment Proceeded to act as follows viz.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Saturday next at 11. O Clock A. M. at this place.

Att Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

March 13th 1784 The Town met according to Adjournment and Proceeded to act as follows viz

1st The following Letter was laid Before the Town viz.

To the Gent.n Selectmen

At a Meeting of Twenty one Members from nine Towns from the South part of the County of Worcester at Sutton on Tuesday the Tenth day of February 1784

Voted that the Impost being Granted to the Congress for Twenty five Years; without Reserve is a Grievance and has a natural Tendancee to Secure to the Continental Officers five years pay, after they are discharged from Publick Service.

Turn Over

Which we view as a Great Greavance; and a very dangerous Precedent and we desire that You would choose a Committe of Your Town to meet at Mr Samuel Browns Innholder in Worcester on the ~~third~~ Third Tuesday of March next at ten o Clock Fo M. then to form into a Convention in a Constitutional way in order to take into Consideration the above said Greivance; and any other matters that may come before S.d Convention, that shall appear worthy of notice &c -- Your Wisdom will dictate you in Regard to the Importance of this matter.

Your kind compliance with the above Request will oblidge Your very Humble Servant

By Order Willis Hall } Moderator of said Meeting

P.S. Every Town is Served with Letters Similar to this throughout the County -- -- -- -- -- -- --

The Town then Voted to Send a Committe to Join in the Proposed Convention --

Then Chose John Johnson and Abner Parker Committe

on Voted that Solomon Newton & Ezra Taylor be Impowered to Carry the action between the Town & David Fay to a final Issue att the Supream Court --

Then Voted to Dissolve this Meeting

att Elijah Brigham Inn.d.--

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk.

Worcester ss.

To Mr Nathan Bridges Constable for Southborough,

You are hereby required forthwith in the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governour Lieut Governour Councellors and Senators and all other Town affairs to Assemble at the Meeting House in Southborough on Monday the Fifth Day of April next at One O Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles, Viz.

1.st For the Town to bring in their Votes for a Governour Lieut Governour, Counsellors & Senators agreable to the Constitution

2.dly To Chuse a Moderator for the remaining business of this Warrant

3.dly To see if the Town will build a Large School House in the Centre of the Town, and have the School kept there all the Winter Season, or for the Town to determine whether Each Squadron shall draw their Ratebble Proportion of the Money Granted for the Sole purpose of a School, they to be oblidged to lay out their money within the Year, or for the Town to pass any Vote or Votes respecting the Building or Repairing School Houses, and determining how and in what manner the School shall be maintained as the Town shall think fit when met --

4th Art. For the Town to direct the Treasurer to take the Note that is in behalf of the Town now in the hands of Lieut. Wm Collins. and send the same to the Treasurer of the Common Wealth and have the same Consolidated to hard Money and have the Same deposited in the Town Treasurers or act thereon ~~as the Town shall~~ as the Town shall think fit;

5th Art. For the Town to Chuse a Committee to Settle with Mr Plumb as the Town shall think fit when met;

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Select Men at or before the time appointed for holding said Meeting: Dated at Southborough this Twenty Third Day of March A.D. 1784; —

By order of The Select Men Joshua Smith Town Clk

Worcester ss. April 3. 1784. In Obedience to this Warrant I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough by Posting the Contents of the articles Contained in this Warrant agreeable to a Vote of the Town

Nathan Bridges — } Constable for Southborough

Southborough April 5. 1784. The Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and Proceeded to act as follows-viz.

on art 1st — The Town brought in their Votes as follows-viz.

For Governor — The Hon.le James Bowdoin 5 Votes
His Excell.y John Hancock — 4 Votes
Hon.le Azor Orne — 13 Votes
Hon.le Benj.a Lincoln — 5 Votes
Hon.le Thomas Cushing 20 Votes

For Lieut. Governor — Hon.le Thos Cushing 24 Votes

Senators — Hon.le Seth Washburn — 24 Votes
Hon.le Samuel Baker — 16 Votes
Hon.le Jon.a Warner — 16 Votes
Hon.le Israel Nichols — 13 Votes
Hon.le Moses Gill — 22 Votes

on art 2d — Chose Lieut. Elijah Brigham Moderator

on art 3d — The first Clause Passed in the Negative
Voted that Every Squadron draws their Ratable Proportion of the Money Granted for the Sole purpose of Maintaining a School the Ensuing. and that Each Squadron shall be obliged to Lay out their Money for Schooling within the year. — The last Clause passed in the Negative

on art 4th — Voted that the present Town Treasurer be directed to take the Note now in the hands of Lt Collins and Get them Consolidated to hard Money - and Remain in the hands of the Town Treasurer during the Towns Pleasure. —

on art 5th — Voted to Chuse a Committee of three persons to Settle with Mr Plumb — Then Chose Mark Collins. Jonas Ball and Joshua Smith Committee

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting. Elijah Brigham Modera.

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

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W. Plumbs. Answer

On the last Sabbath in March being the 28th day A.D. 1784 Mr. Wm. Plumb Delivered to the Town by Mr. Biglow of Sudbury the following Answer to the Towns Call as may be Seen Recorded on Page 174 viz

To the Town of Southborough and the Church of Christ therein.

The Town of Southborough & the Church of Christ therein, a little more than a Year Since, did invite me to Settle over You in the Gospel Ministry. After taking Your Invitation into Serious Consideration, together with the advice of others upon the Subject. When I review the attention paid my Ministry; the peace and order among Yourselves, and my warm attachments to Your Persons & heartly desire to promote Your welfare it is with a very Feeling Regret, I now inform the said Church & Town, I have not been able to convince myself, it is my Duty to accept.

If any one should ask, why I have not answered Sooner, be it known, there never has been any one day or week when I thought it my duty until now.

I have desired to walk before you in a blameless manner if however, any Should imagine they have Seen any thing irregular or unbecoming in me, let them impute it to humane infirmity, and not that holy Religion we profess.

I take this opportunity to Express my lively Sensibility of and unfeigned gratitude for Particular kindnesses, and for the General civilities and respects Shewn me during my abode with You.

And now, while the Church & Town withdraw their Expectations from me, permit me, to unite my devout and ardent Sighs and ardant Supplications with Yours, to the great Head of the Church, and to the Father of mercies and of lights, that he would bestow upon You an Apostolic gift, who Shall be an able Minister of the New Testament, with whom you may live in the peace and order of the Gospel.

William Plumb.

Mr. Plumb proposes to Supply the pulpit the two next Sabbaths, Gratis.

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss
To Mr. Nathan Bridges Constable for South borough — Greeting
In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are Required forthwith to Warn all the Freeholder and other Inhabitants of the Town of South borough Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting House in South borough on Monday the fifth day of April Current at 4. O Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles - viz

First to Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting —
2d For the Town to Chuse a Committe to Supply the Pulpit in Such way and Manner as the Town Shall direct or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the Settling the Gospel or the Town think fit when Met — — —

Hereof fail not and Make due Return of this Warrant with Your doings theron to the Selectmen at or before said time Given under our Hands and Seal at South borough this fifth day of April. Ao. D. 1784.

By order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss April. 5th 1784. 3 a Clock P.M. I in obediance to this Warrant have Warn. the Freeholder and other Inhabitants to attend at time and place within mentioned for said Matters

Nathan Bridges Constable for Southborough

April 5th 1784

The Town Met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and Proceeded to act as follows. viz — — — — —

First Chose Lieut. Elijah Brigham Moderator

2d Then Voted to Chuse a Committe of three persons to Supply the Pulpit for the future —
Then Chose Isaac Johnson. Jonas Ball & Majr. Jona Champney —
Then Voted to Dissolve this Meeting

att Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

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Worcester ss. To Mr Nathan Bridges Constable for
Southborough — Greeting —

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Your are
Required to Warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
Southborough Qualified by Law to Vote for a Representative
and other Town affairs to meet at the meeting House in said
Town on Monday the Tenth day of May Current at one O Clock
P.M. to act on the following Articles — viz —

(1) For the Town to Bring in their Votes for a Representative
or act thereon as the Town shall think fit when met —

(2) To Chuse a Moderator for the Remaining Work of said Meeting

(3) For the Town to hear the Petition of the Widow Tabitha Locke
and pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town think
best when met —

(4) For the Town to determine by Vote Whether the Selectmen shall
according to Law Bind out the Child of Ruth Amsden to Daniel
Graves upon the Conditions he and the Town shall agree
upon or act thereon as the Town think fit When met —

(5) For the Town to determine by Vote how and in What way and
manner the Several Constables against Whom Executions now lie
against from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth; Whether they Shall
Collect their Taxes with the Cost of Execution or Without the Cost
or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town shall
think fit when met —

(6) For the Town to Give the Town Treasurer Such directions for
Calling upon the Constables for Collecting and paying in
their Taxes or Assessments to the Treasurer or pass any Vote or
Votes upon the Same as the Town shall think fit When met

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with Your
doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed
for holding said Meeting —

Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this third Day
of May A.D. 1784 —

By order of the Selectmen Joseph Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss Southborough May 10th 1784
I have Executed the Within Warrant by Posting a Copy
of the Contents agreeable to a Vote of the Town

Pr me Nathan Bridges Constable for Southborough

At this Meeting John Johnson that was a deligate
for the Town at a County Convention held at Worcester
in April Last past delivered to the Town their proceedings
which may be Seen among the Town Papers —

Southborough May 10th 1784
The Town met agreable to the foregoing Warrant proceeded to act as follows - viz -

on ar.t 1. Passed in the Negative - Then Voted to Reconsider the Vote and passit over for the present - Then Voted to Send a Representative the present Year - Then Chose Capt. Seth Nelson who declined Serveing - Then Chose Joshua Smith who also declined Serveing

on ar.t 2 Chose Lt Elijah Brigham Moderator -

on ar.t 3d Voted to Dismiss the Petition of the Widow Lock -

on ar.t 4th Voted that the Selectmen be directed to Bind the Child of Ruth Amsden to Daniel Graves till it is Eighteen Years old and that he Shall Receive fifteen Pounds from the Town for his Reward to Bring up the Child - Said Graves was Present at the Votes passing and Declared his Saticfaction to it -

on ar.t 5th Passed in the Negative

on ar.t 6th Voted that the Treasurer be directed to call upon Constables Parker and Fay to Settle with the Treasurer forthwith Either by Cash or in Notes on Interest to the Treasurer - also to Call in like Manner upon Constables Newton & Richards to pay in a Sum of Money Emediately to the Treasurer - further Voted that the Treasurer be directed to call upon the Several Constables that are Behind Emediately to Supply the Treasurer with Money Sufficient to Satisfie the present demands for Money

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Modr
Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Mr. Nathan Bridges Constable for South borough - Greeting -

You hereby forthwith Required In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants within the Town of South borough Qualified by Law to Vote for Representatives, and other Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting House in South borough on Monday the 30th day of this present August at One O Clock P.M. to act on the following articles - viz -

I To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting

II For the Town to Bring in their Votes for Some Meet person to serve as a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester -

III For the Town to abate the Rates Set to Several persons in Several Constables hands as Shall apply for the Same or act thereon as Town think fit When met -

IV For the Town to hear and accept of a List of Jurors that Shall be laid before the Town by the Selectmen or act thereon as the Town See fit when met -

Turn Over for the Remainder -

5th To See if the Town will allow Town debts to those to whom the Town is Justly Indebted or act thereon thereon as they think fit - - - -

6th To See if the Town will Grant to and Set to Samuel Hudson Junr the Land his Shop Stands upon as the Committe Shall Report to the Town or act thereon as the Town Shall think fit - - - - -

7th For the Town to Give Such Instructions to the Overseers of the poor Respecting the Effects of the Widow Locke as they Shall think fit when met - - - -

Worcester ss To Nathan Bridges Constable
for Southborough.

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts You are Required to warn the Freeholder and other Inhabitants of Said Town Qualified to Vote for a Representative to meet at the Meeting House in Southborough on Tuesday the fifth Day of October next at one O Clock P.M. to act on the following articles - viz - - - - - - -

First To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting

2ly For the Town to bring in their Votes for a County Register of Deeds agreeable to a Warrant from two Justices of the Peace for Said County -

3ly For the Town to hear the Request of the Church for Calling a Fast and act thereon as they Shall think fit - - - - - - - - -

4ly For the Town to hear the Report of the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit and for the Town to pass any Vote or Votes for further Supplying the Same as they Shall think fit when Met - -

5ly For the Town to discontinue and Make Sale of one Rod wide of the Town way Leading from Samuel Hudsons Junr to Deacn John Fays. and Sell the Same to Samuel Hudson Junr & Abner Baker as far as to the Land of Deacon John Fays - - - - - - -

Hereof fail not and Make due Return of this Warrant and of your doings thereon at or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough the Twenty Seventh Day of Sept.r A.D. 1784 - Select Men

Elijah Brigham
Jonas Ball
Ezra Taylor
} for Southborough

N.B. the above Meeting is to be Warned by Verbal notice by order of the Select Men

Worcester ss Southborough October 5th 1784
In Obedience to this Warrant I have Warned the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants to attend as within directed

Nathan Bridges Constable for Southborough

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough on the fifth day of October 1784. The Town being met agreeable to a Warrant for that purpose did then proceed as follows. viz - - -

First Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator - - - - - - - - - - - -

2nd Then the Town brought in their Votes for a Register of Deeds for Said County - viz -
For Capt.t Benja Reads of Mendon 21 Votes
For Jim.o Paine Esq.r 7 Votes
For Daniel Clapp Esq.r 6 Votes

3rd Voted to Join with the Church in Calling a Fast - Voted that Mr. Filch of Hopkinton Mr. Frost of Milford Mr. Sumner of Shrewsbury and Mr. Kellog of Framingham be applyed to to assist in performing the Service of the day Voted to Chuse a Committee of four to Supply to Said Gentlemen viz Nathan Bridges - Elijah Brigham - John Angier and Asahel Mathews -

4th Voted to Chuse a Committee to Supply the Pulpit - The Chose Lieut William Collins Edmund Chamberlain and John Angier

Turn over for the Remainder

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The Committe made the following Report-

on art. 5th } We the Subscribers a Committe for Veiwing Rodes in the Town of South borough being applyed to by Samuel Hudson Junr. to View a peice of Rode Leading from his Shop to Deacn John Fays and finding the Town way their to be three Rods wide and the above said is Desireous to purchase one Rod in Width from the Back Side of His Shop and So Northerly as far as his Land Runs, being about four Rods in Length and we are of the Opinion that it will be no Damage for the Town to Discontinue the Same and Sell it to said Hudson we apprize the Land at Six pence the Rood

Southborough Sept. 18th 1784 £ 0 2 0 — Nathan Bridges, Jonas Ball, Solomon Newton } Committe

We the Subscribers a Committe for Veiwing Rodes in the Town Southborough being applyed to by Abner Parker to View a Rode Leading from Deacon John Fays to the County Rode - and finding the Town Way against Parkers Land to be three Rods Wide: therefore we are of Opinion that it will be no Damage to the Town to Discontinue and Sell one Rod that Lyeth against the Land of the above said Parker. on the Westerly Side of said Rode Lying Twenty four Rods & Sixteen Links in Length and we have apprized the Land at Six pence a Rod - - -

Southborough — £ 0 1 2 3 — Sept. 18th 1784 — Nathan Bridges, Jonas Ball, Solomon Newton } Committe

Then Voted to Discontinue and Sell to Samuel Hudson Junr. his Heirs and assigns for Ever one Rod in Width on the Westerly Side of the Town Way Leading Northerly from the County Rode to Deacn John Fays until it Comes to the Land of Abner Parker he paying ~~for~~ there, for the Sum said Land was apprized at by the Committe Chosen for that purpose

Voted to discontinue and Sell to Abner Parker His Heirs and assigns for Ever one Rod in Width on the Westerly Side of said Road from the Land of the said Samuel Hudson Junr. till it Comes to the of Deacn John Fay he paying therefor the Sum said Land was apprized at by said Committe

Voted to Dissolve said Meeting

Elijah Brigham Moderator

A True Copy from the Minutes Attt Ezra Taylor Clerk Pro Temp

Recorded by Ephraim Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Nathan Bridges Constable for Southborough

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to Warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the Seventh day of Febry next att one of the Clock P.M. To act on the following articles - viz -

I To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting - - - - - - - -

2ly } For the Town to agree upon and Grant a Sum of Money to pay Town debts - - - - - - - - - - - -

3ly } For the Town to agree with Some person to procure Some wood for the Widow Salter if they See Cause

The Remainder with the proceeding on next page

4 ly } For the Town to hear the Request of Moses Bruce respecting the needy Circumstances of his Family and for the Town to act thereon as they shall think fit when met — — —

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant and of your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding said Meeting Given under our hand and Seal at Southborough the 24th day of Jan.y A.D. 1785.

Elijah Brigham, Wilm Cotthank, Ezra Taylor, Jonas Ball } Selectmen for Southborough

Worcester ss Feb.y 7. 1785

In Obedience to this Warrant I have Warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants by Potting a Copy of the Contents of this Warrant agreeable to the Vote of said Town

Jn.o Nathan Bridges Constable for Southborough

Southborough Feb.y 7. 1785

The Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant proceeded to act as follows viz — — — — — — — — — — —

I Made Choice of Elijah Brigham Moderator

on ar 2d } Voted to pass over for the present
} taken up and passed in the Negative — —

on ar 3d } Voted to Give the Widow Salter Six Cord of Wood delivered at her Door for the present Year. Then Voted to put it up to the Lowest Bidder to Git it. Struck of to Lieut. Com.d Chamberlain at Seven Shillings per Cord for three Cords & a half two Cords & a half has already been provided for her — — — — — — — — — —

on ar 4th } Moses Bruces Petition was Read which may be found among the Town papers.
} Passed in the Negative

Then Voted to dismiss the article

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Att Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk

Feb.y 28th 1785 The Selectmen then Gave orders for the whole of the [illegible] part of Schooling for the Year a.d. 1785 To Mr Wm Collins Just.s Court [illegible]

Money for Schooling

Selectmen with the Treasurer

at a Meeting of the Selectmen March the 2d 1785
having Examined the accounts of Mr Mark Collins Junr
Treasurer for Southborough and find that he has been
Chargeable with the Sum of One Thousand Thirty four
Pounds Nine Shillings Ten pence & one farthing - Exclusive
of the Grant of Forty Pounds Last March for Schooling in
the hands of Constable Bridges: and a Note from the Treas-
surer of this Commonwealth to the Treasurer of Southborough
being the Sum of Two Hundred Eighty three Pounds and
three Shillings: and the Continental money - and he
has Produced Vouchers Shewing that he has payd out
the Sum of Five Hundred Twenty three Pounds Five Shilling
and one penny. and their now Remains in the hands of
the Treasurer the Sum of Five Hundred Eleven Pounds
four Shillings Nine pence & one farthing -

£ 1034 - 9 - 10 - 1 Treasurers Charge
523 - 5 - 1 - 0 Vouchers
£ 511 - 4 - 9 - 1 Remains in the Treasurers hands
22 - 13 - 3 - 3 added the further Sum to the Treasurer by my order
£ 533 - 18 - 1 - 0 Sum Total of What the Treasurer is Charged with

By Order of the Selectmen Joshua Smith Town Clerk
Recorded by Joshua Smith Town Clerk:

March warrant for 1785

Worcester ss.

To Nathan Bridges Constable for Southborough

Greeting You are hereby forthwith required In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitents within the Town of Southborough Legally Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble at the Meeting House in Southboro. On Monday the Seventh day of March next at 12 Oclock Noon - to act on the following Articles viz ———

1 To Chuse a Moderater for said Meeting —
2 To Chuse Wardeens and other Town Officers for the Year Ensuing as the Law Directs —
3 To Chuse some Persons to Enspect the killing of Deer Contrary to Law —
4 To Chuse Grave Digers a Pound Keeper and some Person to Lock, Unlock, and Sweep the meeting House the Year Ensuing
5 To agree upon & Grant a Sum of money to pay Schoolmasters and other Town Debts the Year Ensuing - Also to Grant a Sum of money to Repair Highways in said Town the Year Ensuing
6 To chuse a Committe to hire a Schoolmaster the Year Ensuing and Squadron out the schools if the Town see fit ———
7 For the Town to agree upon and allow, all Town Debts to those to whom the Town is Justly Indebted. ———

Continued

8th Article
For the Town to Determin whether there Swine Shall Run at Larges the Gear Ensuing —
9th To Chuse Overseeres of the Poor the Gear Ensuing
10 For the Town to bring in there Votes for a Register of Deeds for Said County —
11 To See if the Town will agree upon and Grant a Sum of money Sufficient to Build a School House in Each Squadron in the Town to be Laid out by a Committe in Each Squadron or to pass any Vote or Votes or come Into any measure that the Town shall agree upon when met. Respecting Said Houses — — —

March 7th A. 1705

Tythingmen — Mark Collins jr. / Edmund Chamberlin

Sealer of Leather — Samll Hudson jr.

Surveyor of Lumber — Wm Nathan Bridges

Surveyors of Highways — Amos Newton jr. / Wm Williams / Silas Ball / Abner Ward

Hog Reeves — Lt Charles Angier / Samll Hudson jr. / Wm Winchester jr. / Nathan Newton jr.

Deer Reeves — Daniel Graves

Grave Diggers — Benjn Smith / Timothy Bellows

Fence Viewers — Lt Elisha Tay / Peter Tay / Jotham Bellows / Ebenezer Newton

Field Drivers

Mr Nicholas Hoppin chosen to Look and lock and Sweep the meeting House the Year Ensuing

Art 2 Voted to Exept £3-12:0 of Zacheus Witherbee as a Turn for Serving as a Constable the present Year.

March 9th 1705 Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to Wednesday the 9th Inst. March Mr Elijah Brigham Then met according to Adjournment & Proceed to act as follows viz

Money Raised on Art 5 — Voted to Grant £100 for the purpos of paying School masters and other Town Debts — also — Voted to Grant £50 - for the Purpos of Repairing Roads in Said Town the present Year

Wages for Work — Voted that the wages for work at the Highways be as they was Last Year

Art 6th a Committee to Hire Schoolmasters — Voted to Chuse a Committee to Hire Schoolmasters for the present Year proceeded to the Choices of the following Gentlemen viz

Mr Solomon Newton
Mr Jonas Ball
Capt Seth Newton
Lt Elijah Brigham
Mr George Brigham

} David Newton Sealer of Weights & Measures the Year Ensuing.

Voted to Impower the above Committe to Quadron out the Several Schools in Said Town Agreeable to former Practices

Art 5th Granted the following Accompts as Exhibited viz

Granted to Ezra Taylor	£2	11	3
Granted to Solomon Newton	1	16	5
Granted to Samll Hudson jr.	7	16	0
Granted to Nich. Hoppin	0	12	0
Granted to Thos Stone	0	7	6
Granted to Benjn Smith	0	6	0
Granted to Uriel Montague	4	19	7
Granted to Mark Collins jr.	11	10	0
Granted to Peter Tay	0	8	0
Granted to Doctr Parker	3	3	8
Granted to John Prentis	6	0	0
Granted to George Brigham	0	11	0
Total	£36	1	5

Art 8th Voted to Suffer Swine to Run at Large the Year Ensuing

Art 9th Overseers of the Poor — Voted to Chuse Overseers of the Poor Accordingly made Choice of the following Gentlemen viz Ezekiel Collins — Herman Hoy — Reubin Tay

Voted to pass over the 10th & 11th Articles in the warrent

12 Art Voted to Procure And set up Grave Stones to the Grave of there Late Revd Pastor Nathan Stone Deceasd Accordingly Majr Jon. Champney was Chosen as a Committee to Procure the Same and Lay his Acct. before The Town. Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Monday the 14th Inst.

Lt Elijah Brigham Moderatr

March 14th 1785

The Town Met According to Adjournment & proceeded to Act as follows viz

Art 11th Voted to Grant £100- for the purpose of Rebuilding School Houses in Each Squadron of the Town - and Voted to Chuse a Committee of 12 men to Draw a plan for the Regular Construction of said Houses & Report to the Town some future Day Accordingly made Choice of the following Gentlemen viz

Mr Ezra Taylor — Mr Jonas Ball — Mr Benja Horne — Capt Seth Newton
" Lem Chamberlin — Lt Abel Mathewes — Majr Jon Champney — Mark Collins jn r
" Solomon Newton — Lt Elijah Brigham — George Brigham — Capt Nathan Brigham
be a Committe for that purpose —

13 Art Made Choice of Col. Jona Ward to procure a New & Handsom Burying Cloth & to new Dye the old one & make 1 or 2 small ones for Children &

14 Art Voted to Discontinue a Road Leading out of the Road by Benjn Mixers to John Angiers from being a Town Road & that the same Lay as a Town Common During the Towns Pleasure —

15 Art Voted to Abate the Rates of Silas Ball on the List of Assessment Committed to Paul Newton to Collect the Sum of £1-1-10

Art 10th Register of Deeds } the Town Brot in there Votes for a Register of Deeds for Sid County & from on Counting the same as follows viz 21 for Coln Daniel Clapp
11 for Timothy Payne Esqr
2 for Capt Reid

Voted to Dissolve this Meeting accordingly it was Dissolvd Test
Elijah Brigham Modr

Recorded by Ariel Montague Town Clerk

Worcester ss — To Jonas Ball Constable for Southborough Greeting

Dreamc. You are here by Required In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to warn all the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Southboro. Qualified to Vote for Governor Lt. Governor & Senators, Agreeable to the Constitution, to Assemble at the Meeting House in said Town, on Monday the fourth day of Apr. next at 10 o Clock (Be It Then & there to Act on the following Articles (viz) — — — — — — —

1 For the Town to bring in there Votes for Governor Lieut. Governor & Senators Agreeable to the Constitution —

2 To Chuse a Moderator for the Remaining Business of said Meeting

3 To see if the Town will hear the Report of the Selectmen for Turning the Road leading from David Newtons to Josiah Bridges & Act there on as they think Proper when met

4 To see if the Town will hear the Petition of Doct Parker and Act. thereon as the Town shall think fit when met —

5 For the Town to Allow Town debts to all to whom they are justly indebted

6 To see if the will Give the Present Committee for supplying the Pulpit further Instructions Respecting the same or to Chuse a New one — if the Town think Proper when met

Here of fail not — and make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us or before the time appointed for holding said Meeting — Given under our hands at Southboro aforesaid this 21 day of March Dy 85

by Order of the Selectmen Ariel Montague Clerk

N.B. this warrent was Executed by Jonas Ball Constable

Southborough Apl. 4th D. 1785

The Town met Agreeable to the Warrent & Proceeded to act as follows

Art. 1 (viz) Brot in their Votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, & Senetors Agreeable to the Constitution which Counted ware found to be as follows viz

Governor
The Hon.r James Boydain Esq.r 21 Votes
The Hon.r Benj.n Lincoln Esq.r 5 Votes
The Hon.r Thomas Cushing Esq.r 2 Votes

Lieut. Governor
The Hon.r Nathaniel Gorham Esq.r 27 Votes

Senetors
The Hon.r Seth Washburn Esq.r 31 Votes
The Hon.r Sam.l Baker Esq.r 25 Votes
The Hon.r Israel Nichols Esq.r 25 Votes
The Hon.r Moses Gill Esq.r 20 Votes
The Hon.r Jonathan Warner Esq.r 33 Votes

Art 2d Made Choice of Mr. Elijah Brigham Moderator for the remaining Business of Said Meeting

Art 3d Voted to Pass it over

Art 4 The Petition of Doct.r Parker was Read, and the Prayer thereof So far Granted as to Allow him, as a free gift £3-0-0 of an Aut. set forth in his Petition for Doctring Moses Brucis farhaly Lafffall

Art 5 Granted to Amos Newton £11-0-0
Granted to John Singer 1-2-0
Granted to Peter Stone 7-3-6
Granted to Doct.r James Parker 3-0-0
Total £25-5-6

Art 6 Voted to Excuse Mr. Edmund Chamberlin Lt. Wm. Collins John Angier from Serving as a Committee for to supply the Pulpit and Voted to Chuse a New one for that purpose, Voted that the Comm.tee Consist of three. Accordingly Mr. John Johnson Lt. Hezekiah Fay Ceman Fay ware Chosen as a Committee and Excepted

Voted to Dissolve this Meeting Accordingly it was Dis.d Test.

Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Uriel Montague T. Clerk

Worcester ss. To Jonas Ball Constable for Southboro. Greeting In the name of the Common with of Massachusetts You are hereby required to to Warn all the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro. qualified to Vote In Town Affairs to Meet at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the fourth day of April next at 1 O.tt Clock P.M. then and there to Act on the following Articles viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting

2d To Hear the Report of the Committee For Planning the Seat Houses in the Several Squadrons in Said Town and further to Act there on as they shall think fite

3d. For the Town to Chuse a Committe to Seat the Meeting House if they see Cause —

Here of fail not and make Return of this Warrent with Your Doings Thereon to the Selectmen on or before the Time appointed for holding said Meeting. Given under our hands and Seal this 20th day of March A.D. 1785 by Order of the Select men Uriel Montague T. Clerk

Southboro. Apl. 4th 1785 Agreeable to the Directions of this warrent I have Warned all the freeholders &c by Posting a Copy of this warrent agreeable to a Vote of the Town — Jonas Ball } Constable for South. Borough

The Town Met Agreeable to the foregoing and Proceeded to Act as follows viz

Art. 1 } Made Choice of Elijah Brigham Moderator for said Meeting

Art. 2d } Voted to Except the Report of the Committee for Planing the several School Houses in said Town, their Report as follows viz —
The Committe Appointed to form a Plan for the Regular Construction of the several School Houses in the Town of Southboro. having attended that service do Report — that the school House in the Center be 26 feet Long and 22 wide and that the school houses in the E End & S Side Squadrons be 22 feet Long & 18 Wide and that they be built Agreeable to the plan Excepted by the E End Squadron at there Meeting on the 7th of Feb.y 1785 here with presented
Southborough March 29th A.D. 1785 P. Order of the Committe
Ezra Taylor Chairman

Art. 3d } Voted to Chuse a Committe to Seat the Meeting House — Voted that they Consist of 5 men Accordingly the following Gentlemen were Chosen viz
Mr. Solomon Newton — Jonas Ball — Edmund Chamberlin — Majr. Champney and Ezra Taylor be a Committe for that purpos and are to Report —
Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to next May meeting Elijah Brigham Mod.r —
Recorded by Uriel Montague T. Clerk

Preambulation of the Line between Marlboro and Southboro Apl. 25 1785 } Southboro 25th April 1785 The Committe Appointed by the selectmen to Preambulate the Towns Lines of Marlboro. & Southboro. were Elijah Brigham Jonas Ball & Uriel Montague accordingly met the Committe from Marlboro at the time and Place Appointed and Preambulated the Line & Renewed the bounds to the sattisfaction of both Commissioners. a True Coppy Attest Uriel Montague T. Clerk

May 9th 1785 Orders to John Richards & wife for their part of School Money } Delivered an Order to John Richards and another to Zacheus Wither bee one of £2-11-2-2 another of £2-0-0 being the full Proportion of School Money for the South Side Squadron for the Year A.D. 1785 —
In behalf of the Selectmen — Uriel Montague Town Clerk

May 9th 1705

Worcester ss— To Jonas Ball Constable for Southboro Greeting— You are hereby requir'd In the Name of the Common wellth of Massachusetts, to Warn all the free Holders & Other Inhabitents of the Town of Southboro Qualified to Vote for Representative, to Meet at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 9th day of May Next at 2 of the Clock P.M. Then & there to Act on the following Articles viz—

Art. 1st. For the Town to Bring in their Votes for a Representative Agreeable to the Constitution — — — — — — —

Art. 2d. To Chuse a Moderator for the Remaining business of said Meeting

Art. 3d. For the Town to hear the Report of the Selectmen for turning the Road Leading from David Newtons to Josiah Bridges or Act thereon as they think Proper when met — — —

Art. 4th. For the Town to Allow Town Debts to those Persons to whom they are Justly Indebted — — — — — — — —

Here of fail not & make Return of this Warrent with your doings there on On or before the time appointed for holding said Meeting. Dated at Southboro. this 29th day of April in the Year of our Lord D. 1705— by Order of the Selectmen Per. Montague Clerk

Return } Worcester ss May 9th 1705 I have Warn'd the freeholders and other Inhabitents of Southboro. to Assemble at time and Place within Mentioned Jonas Ball — { Constable for Southboro

Preamble } May 9th 1705 The Town Met Agreeable to the forgoing Warrent & Proceeded to Act as follows viz —

Art. 1st } Voted to Chuse & Send a Representative to the Genl Court this Year The Votes accordingly were call'd for and on Counting the same Mr George Brigham was Chosen for that Purpose - and Accepted

Art. 2d. } The Town made Choise of Lt Wm Brintnall Mod.r for the Remaining of said meeting

Art. 3d } Voted to Pass it over In Regt being Illegal so this Meeting

Art. 4th } Granted to Peter Stone L2-14-0 } Voted to Dissolve this Meeting
Granted to Ezekiel Ellins - 1-14-0 } attest Wm Brintnall Mod.r
Granted to James Bellows 1-16-0 }

Recorded by Ezekiel Montague Clerk

May 9th 1785

The Town Met Agreeable to Adjournment and Proceeded to act as follows

art. 2d (viz) Past in the Negetive

art. 3d Voted to Except the Report of the Committee for seating the Meeting House then Voted to Dissolve the Meeting Attest Elijah Brigham Mod.

Recorded by Periel Montague Clerk

Worcester ss. To Jonas Ball Constable for Southborough Greeting

Aug. 16 1785 You are hereby Required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mass. achusetts, to warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough qualified to vote in Town Affairs to Meet at the Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the Sixteenth day of August Instant at two O Clock P. M. then & there to act on the following Articles viz

Art. I, To Chuse a Moderator to Lead said Meeting - - - - - -

Art. 2d, For the Town to hear a Report of the Selectmen Conferning the Present State of the Constables for the Years 1781 & 1782 as they now stand answerable to the Town, and act thereon as the Town think fit

Art. 3d For the Town to hear the Petition of Luke Newton for the abatement of his Rates as set forth in the Lists of Assessments Committed To Elijah Brigham & Nathan Bridges Constables for the Years 03 & 04 and act thereon as they think fit when met - - - - - - - -

Art. 4th To see if the Town will Grant a certain sum of Money to Paul Newton and John Richards for their Extraordinary services in serving Constables - -

Here of fail Not & make Return of this Warrent with your Doings thereon at or before the time Appointed for holding said Meeting, Dated at Southboro. this Eighth day of August in the Year of Our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty five - by Order of the Selectmen -

Periel Montague Clerk

N.B. this warrent was Duely Executed by Jonas Ball Constable for Southboro

and The Town Met, Agreeable to the foregoing warrent and Proceeded to act as follows viz

on art 1st Made Choice of Elijah Brigham Moderator for said Meeting -

art. 2d Voted that the Selectmen take an Inventory of the Estate Conveyed to Elijah Brigham by Paul Newton and that that Deed be given to the Town Treasurer or his Successor in Office for the Use of the Town of Southborough and that the Selectmen Shall as soon as may be Post and Sel at Publick Vendue According to Law the said Estate for the Use of the Town of Southboro aforesaid

Continued -

August 16th 1706

On Artt. 3. Voted to Abate the Rates set to Luke Newton in several Lists of Assessments Committed to Elijah Brigham & Nathan Bridges the same being the Sum of £2 - 16 - 1 - 3 - - - -

Voted to Pass over the fourth Article - then the Meeting was by Vote Dissolved - Attest. Elijah Brigham Mod.

Recorded by - Cyrill Montague Clerk

Accounts against the Commonwelth

Accounts against the Commonwelth have been made up Quarterly & Exhibited for an allowence by the Selectmen, to October the first D. 1706 5s. for house rent to Nicholas Hopping and family one of the Poor of Charls town - - Recorded by Cyrill Montague Clerk

Worcester ss. To Either of the Constables of the Town of Southborough in said County Greeting

Preamble to Decr. Warr. 1706

In the Name of the Common welth of Massachusetts You are required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the nineteenth day of December A.D. 1706 at one a Clock P.M. then & there to act on the following Articles (viz)

1st to Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

Ministerial matters

2d to see if the Town will Direct the Committee for supplying the Pulpit, (further) to Imploy Mr. Allan or Supply any Vote or Votes respecting the same as they think fit - -

Fiddle Neck annexed

3d to see if the Town will Except of that part of Framingham, called Fiddle neck and the Inhabitants thereon with there Lands, and have the same annext to the Town of Southboro. and pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same same as they shall think fit - - - - - - - -

Widow Salters wood

4th to see if the Town will Provide a Quantity of five wood for the Widow Salter or any Necessaries of Life or act there on as they shall think fit

Town Debts

5th for the Town to allow all Town Debts to whom they are Justly Indebted

a Pew of Paul Newton

6th to see if the Town will Take a Pew of Paul Newton in the Meeting House, in Part pay towards what he is Indebted to the Town and Dispose of the same as they see Cause - -

Look to the next Page

Close of the warrant

Here of fail not, and make return of this warrent with your Doings there on unto the Selectmen at or before the time Appointed for holding said meting — Given under our hands and seal at Southborough this thirteenth day of Dec^r in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and Eighty five and in the tenth year of the Independance of the United States of America —

Elijah Brigham } Selectmen
Ezra Taylor } for
Wm Anthank } Southboro

Worcester ss. I have warn'd the Inhabitants of Southboro to assemble at time and place as within Directed

Jonas Wall } Constable
for Southboro

December 19th The Town met agreable to the foregoing Warrent and Proceeded to act as follows (viz)

on Art. first Mad choice of Mr Ezra Taylor for Moderator

on Art. 2d Voted to Direct the Committee for supplying the Pulpit to Imploy Mr Allen to Preach with us a Longer time —

on Art. 3d Voted to Except of that Part of Framing call'd Fiske Nuck and the Inhabitants Livering on the same and have them annexed to the Town of Southborough — — —

on Art 4th Voted to Direct the overseers of the Poor to supply the Widow Salter with fire wood and other nessaries of Life as they shall Judg Expedient to render her life Comfortable Until next March Meting — — — — — — — — —

on Art. 5th Voted allow, & grant to John Prentice the Sum of £7 : 13 : 0

Granted to Abner Parker — — £ - 8 - 0
Granted to John Singer — — — 3 : 5 : 4
Granted to Mark Collins Jr — £ 1 : 0 : 0
Granted to Benj^a Parker — — 5 : 2 : 0

on Art. 6th Voted to take the Pew of Paul Newton and allow him £13 : 0 : 0 for the same, Voted to Let said Pew for one year, accordingly it was set up at Vendue and Struck of to Uriel Montague for 17/6 — — — £0 : 17 : 6

Voted to Dissolve this Meeting attest Ezra Taylor Moderator

Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk

December 1785

Treasurers stands chargable with orders

Jonas Ball Treasurer for said Town of Southboro. Stands Charged for Tow orders Drawn on Thos Ivers State Treasurer, one of £3:15:0 bairing Date Novr. 29 1785 one bairing date Decr. 27th 1785 of Eight Pounds £8:0:0 given on Elijah Brigham Constable for Southborough

Recorded by Jeriel Montague Town Clerk

Jany 30th 1786

Jny warrt Granted 1786

Worcester ss. To Jonas Ball Constable for Southborough Greeting — In the Name of the Commonwelth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn all the freeholder & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the 6th Day of February Next at one O Clock afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz —

Art. 1st To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting —

Art 2d To see if the Town will give their representative Instructions or act their on as the Town shall think fit when met —

Art 3d To see if the Town will direct the Assessors to Take an Invoice of the ratable Estate of the Inhabitants of said Town or Pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same as they think fit when met —

Art. 4th To see if the Town are ready to join with the Church in Proceeding to to do Something further in order to settle a gospel minister in said Town of Southborough and Pass any Legal Vote or Votes respecting the same as the Town shall think Proper when met —

Art 5th To see if the Town will Take Land and Cross the Widow Dinah Stows Taxes set to her in the Lists of assessors to be Committed to the several Constables in said Town to Collect or pass any other Vote or Votes respecting the same as they think fit — — —

Art 6th To see if the Town will give Paul Newton Directions respecting Collecting Ezekiel Newtons rates

Fail here of fail not and make returne of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding said meeting — given at Southboro. this 30th Day of Jany in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and Eighty six by Order of the Selectmen Jeriel Montague T. Clerk

A Copy of the Warrant

returne of the warrant — Worcester ss — I have warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Southboro — qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at Time and Place within mentioned and as within Directed Feb.y 6 1706 —
Jonas Wall Constable —

Southborough Feb.y 6th 1706 The Town being met agreeable to the foregoing warrent and Proceedid to act as follows viz

On Art 1 — Made Choise of Ezra Taylor Moderator for said meeting — — — — —

On Art 2 — Voted to give Mr George Brigham our Present Representative some Instructions respecting paper money's being Emitted and Real & Personal Estate being made a Lawfull Tender in all Cases of Debt whatsoever, also concerning the admission of the Refugees amongst us again — accordingly Chose a Committee of 3 persons for the Purpose of Making a Draught to Lay before the Town viz
Ezekiel Montague
Jonas Bath
Wm Brigham —

to be a Committe for that Purpose then Voted an addition of 2 more to the above Committee viz
Solomon Newton and
Nathan Bridges — — —
which are to make Report at the Adjournment of the Meeting — — — — — —

On Art 3d — Voted to Direct the Assessors to Take an Invoice of the Rateable Estate of the Inhabitants of said Town of what they was Possess of the first of Sept.r Last

On Art 4th — The Town Voted that they are ready to Join with the Church in giveing Mr Solomon Aikan a Call to Settle in said Town as a Gospel Minister also — Voted to Chuse a Committe of five to Draft a Call for Mr Aikan and make Report at the Adjournment of this meeting — accordingly made Choise of — — — — — — — — — — — —
Col Jona Ward —
Lt Elijah Brigham
Majr Jonathan Champney
Lt Wm Collins
Lt Nathan Bridges

for that Purpose — and make Report accordingly —

On Art 5 — Voted to direct the Constables not to make distress on the widow Dinah Stow for her taxes until the adjournment of this Meeting —

On Art 6 — Voted to Direct the Constables not to make distress on Ezekiel Newton for his Taxes til further Orders — — —

Then Voted to Adjourne this Meeting til February the 14th day of this Instant February at One Clock P.M. accordingly it is Adjourn.d — — — — — attest Ezra Taylor Moderator —

Adjournment of the meeting Feb.y 14th 1706 — February 14th 1706 The Town being Met agreeable to the Adjournment Proceedid act as follows viz — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

on Art 5th Voted to take a certain Piece of Land of the Widow Dinah Stow @ £4 : 10 : 0 p.r Acre and no more towards Discharging her Taxes to Paul Newton and Jotham Bellows Collectors — also Voted to allow her 3 weeks to Dispose of said Land to her best Advantage —

Turn over

February 14th 1780

An Article 4th Acceptance of the Report or Call to Mr Aiken

Voted to Accept of the Report of the Committee appointed to give Mr Solomon Aiken a Call (Yeas 40 Nays 31) and Voted to Chuse a Committee of 5 Persons to wait on Mr Aiken & Present him with the Call accordingly made Choise of Col. Jonathan Ward. Elijah Brigham. Wm Collins Nathan Bridges. Jonathan Champney as a Committee for that Purpose — the Committee report as follows (viz)

Mr Aikens Call

At a Legal Town Meeting held ~~Last~~ in the Town of Southborough in The County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts the fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty Six —

The Church of Christ in said Town of Southboro. Acting this day in Joint Union with the other Inhabitants in said Town who are duly Qualified to Vote In Town Meetings —

Having taken into Consideration the Necessity of having a gospel Minister of Jesus Christ settled in said Town again and having had Mr Solomon Aiken of Hardwick in said County of Worcester, Preaching With us on Probation and hopeing he will answer the great Purposes of a Gospel Minister of Jesus Christ the grace of God Enabling him thereto Have Thot fit to, and do, Accordingly hereby, Elect & make Choise of and Invite and call upon the said Mr Solomon Aiken, to settle in and be Ordained in the Sacred work and Labour of a Gospel Minister of Jesus Christ over said Church and People of said Southborough, and in Holy boldness and Old like meekness and Candor to receive the Charge of this over them In the Lord not Lording it over gods heritage, but, Discharging the Various Duties Appertaining to the Office of a Gospel Minister According to the Rules laid down in the word of God contained in the scriptures of the Old and Testaments Studying to shew him self Approved unto god a Workman That needeth not to be ashamed rightly deviding the word of Truth, and Administering the Seals of the Covenant viz Baptism and the Lords Supper to the Proper Subjects of the same — — — — — — — — —

Which Call is on condition and provided you the said Solomon Aiken shall not Claim to your self any power or right of Negetiveing said Church in any Matters of Church Discipline or in Governing the affairs of said Church and also that you agree to the admitting persons to receive the Seals of The Covenant in the manner as now practised in said Church til said Church Agree to an Alteration not Inconsistant to the rules of the Gospel of Jesus Christ —

And further on you the said Mr Solomon Aikan Accepting of said Call And being Ordained over said Inhabitants of said Town it is Agreed Voted and Granted by said Inhabitants who are Legal Voters in Town Meetings in said Town that there shall be granted Levyed Assessed and raised on the Pole and rateable Estates in and of said Town of Southborough the following sums of Money and fire wood for settlement and Sallary to be Paid and delivered You for Your reward for your Labours in the Work of a Gospel Minister afore said in said Town viz in the following Manner and the money ~~which~~ which is to be Paid is to be in silver at six shillings & Eight Pence the ounce or in any other Legal and Lawfull money of this Commonwealth Equivalent to the same —

(See Next page)

Feb.y 14th 1786

Namely for a settlement the sum of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds the one half being Ninety Pounds to be paid within one Year from and after Your being Ordained as aforesaid over said Inhabitants of Southborough – and the other half of the same being Ninety Pounds to be Paid You within two Years from and after your being Ordained as afore said all without Intreft – Provided Nevertheless if you the said Solomon Aikan shall be removed from the Work of the Miniftrey in said Town any otherwise then by death within the Two years in which You are to receive your settlement as above You in that case are and shall not be Intitled to or receive any more of the above Settlement then the first part of which being Ninety Pounds any thing Contained here in to the Contrary not with ftanding

And for sallary the sum of Seventy five Pounds in Cafh and twenty Cords of good Merchantable fire wood four feet in Length the Money To be Paid and wood to be delivered at the End of one Year after said Solomon Is Ordained in said Town at his said solomons dwelling houfe in said Southboro. and then after that the same and like sum of Money and Quantety of wood to be Paid and delivered to You the said Solomon Anually On or at the End of Every Year You shall Remain and Continue a Joffpel Minifter of Jefus Chrift in said Town of Southborough and no longer

Jon.a Ward Esq.r
Wm. Collins
Nathan Bridges
Elijah Brigham
Jon.a Champney
} Committee of said Towne

Then Voted to Chufe a Committe of 5 Perfons to wait on Mr. Aikan & Present him with a Coppy of the Call – then made Choice of Jon.a Ward Esq.r
Wm. Collins
Nathan Bridges
Elijah Brigham
Jon.a Champney

Then Voted to add 4 more to the Committee Chofen to Draft Inftructions for the Repreſentative viz Col Ward & Capt. Newton

Then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to March meeting 5 O Clock P.M. Accordingly it is Adjourned Attest Ezra Taylor Moderator

Recorded by Ezekiel Montague Town Clerk

Southborough March 6th 1786 The Town being Met agreeable to adjournment, Voted to adjourn the Same till Wednefday next at 5 o Clock P. M. Attest Ezra Taylor Moderator

March 8th The Town being met agreeable to adjournment proceeded to act as follows Viz. Voted to accept the report of the Comittee for Inftructing the Repreſentative, Then Voted to Diſolve this Meeting

Attest Ezra Taylor Moderator

Recorded by Benj.a Smith Town Clerk

February 27th 1706

Settlement with the Treasurer Ball

Feb. 27 1706

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Having Examined The Accounts Of Mr Jonas Ball Treasurer for Southboro and find that he hols been Chargable with the Sum of five Hundred Seventy three Pounds Eighteen Shillings one Penny — and State Notes and Orders to the Amount of three Hundred Seventy four Pounds Twelve Shillings & four Pence — Exclusive of the Old Continental Money 9th Wt — He Produced Vouchers to the Amount of ~~Two~~ Two Hundred Sixty Six Pounds Seventeen Shillings Nine ~~Pence~~ Pence three Farthings and Now remains in the Treasurers Hands (Exclusive of State Notes & Orders) three Hundred seven Pounds 4 —

What Mark Collarded Treasurer is Charged with See Page 236

Elijah Brigham
Ezra Taylor
Willm Ontharck
Wm Montague
Selectmen

Recorded by Uriel Montague T. Clerk

Warrant for March Meeting 1706

Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Southborough Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requires to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified to Vote in Town Meetings as the Law directs to Meet at the Meeting house in Sd Town on Monday the 6th Day of March next at twelve O Clock at Noon then and there to Act on the following Articles. Viz. — —

Article (1) To Chuse a Moderator to lead said Meeting —

(2) For the town to make Choice of Town Officers for the Year ensuing as the Law Directs. — — — — — — — — — — — —

(3) To Chuse some persons to inspect the killing of Deer Contrary to Law — —

(4) To Chuse Grave Diggers, Pound keeper, and some person to Sweep, Lock and Unlock the Meeting House the Year Ensuing, — — — — — — — — — —

(5) For the Town to agree upon and Grant a Sum of Money to repair Highways ~~this~~ the Year ensuing and also state the price of Labour done upon the Same for the Year Ensuing — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

(6) To Chuse a Committee to Hire School Masters the Year Ensuing. — —

(7) For the Town to agree upon and Grant a Sum of Money to pay School Masters and other Town Debts for the Year Ensuing. — — — — — — — — — —

(8) For the Town to Consider of and allow any Town Debts to those persons to whom the Town is Justly Indebted — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

(9) For the Town to Chuse a Committee to Squadran out the Schools the Year ensuing if they See cause — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

(10) For the Town to Determine whether their Swine shall run at Large the Year Ensuing — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

(11) To See if the Town will Chuse Collectors for the Year ensuing, or pass any Vote or Votes upon the Same as the Town shall think fit when met. — — — — — —

(12) To See if the Town will provide a good Handsome Chest Sufficient to Contain all the Town Books and papers belonging to the Town or act thereon as they think fit. —

(13) To See if the Town will hear the Report of the Selectmen for turning the Road leading from ~~Sqt~~ David Newtons to Josiah Bridges or act thereon as they think fit. —

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(14th) To see if the Town will allow to John Richards any pay for his serving Constable for the Year Eighty One or act thereon as they think fit when met.—

(15th) For the Town to hear the Petition of Isaac Holden and Others and act thereon as the Town shall think fit when met. — — — — — — —

(16th) To see if the Town will do any thing further respecting delinquent Constables or act thereon as the Town shall think fit when met.—

(17th) To see if the Town will agree upon and Grant a Sum of Money sufficient to hire a Singing Master one Month in a Year for the purpose of Instructing the Youth in the Rules of Musick during the Towns pleasure or act thereon as they think fit when met.— — — — — — — —

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant to us on or before the time appointed for holding said Meeting; — — Dated att Southborough this Twentieth day of Feb.y in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Six.—

By order of the Selectmen, Uriel Montague Town Clerk

Worcester ss. February 22d 1786 By Virtue of the within Warrant I have warned all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Southborough to meet at time and place as within Directed.

Jonas Ball. Constable for Southborough

Southborough March 6th 1786 The Town being met pursuant to the foregoing Warrant proceeded to act as follows Viz.—

Art.t 1 Chose Jon.a Ward Moderator.

Art.t 2d Wardens { Elisha Johnson; Sworn / John Angier; Excused then / Chose John Newton in his room on the third day.

Selectmen { Nathan Bridges / Mark Collins Junr / Hez.h Fay / Jon.a Champney / Edmund Chamberlin

{Town Clerk. Benj.a Smith}

{Town Treasurer { Mark Collins Junr}

Voted to pass to the 11th Article

March 8th 1786 the Town being met according to adjournment proceeded to Act as follows Viz.— Chose Jon.a Champney Moderator Col.o Jon.a Ward being absent; Voted to pass to the 11th Article

Art.t 11th. Voted to Set up the Collectorship to the lowest Bidder and any one who the same is struck to, shall procure good and Sufficient Bondsmen for their Surety; accordingly it was struck of to Ezek.l Collins att 3 p.r on the Pound for the Year 1786 Collins failing back it was Set up again and finally Struck of to Nathan Bridges on the 4th Day att 5 p.r on the Pound for Collecting

Constable { Jonas Ball on the 4th Day Nathan Bridges

Art.t 2d Jonas Ball Constable Excused and Chose. Nathan

Assessors { Mark Collins Jun.r / Abner Parker / Lieut. Hez.h Fay

Art.t 11th Voted to Chuse Collectors and they shall be under sufficient Bonds with good Bondsmen for the Security of Said Town; Voted to set it up to the lowest Bidder and have but one Collector in said Town; Voted to reconsider the Votes for Collector Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to Wednesday 1 o'Clock P.M.

Wednesday 1 o'Clock P.M. Met. Jon.a Ward Moderator.

Turn Over

March 8th 1786

Surveyors Highways: Isaac Ball, Samll Hudson Junr, Wm Herrington

Sealer of Leather: Samll Hudson Junr

Surveyer of Lumber: Nathan Bridges

Highways: Uriel Montague, Centre; Daniel Graves S. Side; Asa Fay E. End; Wm Brigham W. End.

Hogreaves: Josiah Tozer, Ebenr Collins Junr, Wm Stow, Phinehas Brigham, Ebenr Newton

Grave Diggers: Saml Bellows, Benja Smith

Field Driwers: Robert Horn, Ebenr Bellows

Fence Viewers: Zaccheus Witherby, Abel Chamberlin

Overseers of Poor: Capt Seth Newton, Capt Nathan Brigham, Daniel Johnson

Dear Reeves: Ashabel Mathews, Capt Seth Newton

Pound Keeper: Benja Smith

Sealers of Weights and Measures: David Newton

Thomas Stone Chosen to Sweep, Lock, and Unlock, the Meeting House the Year Ensuing;

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to Friday Next att 1 oClock P. M.

Attest Jona Champney Moderator

March 10th 1786 the Town met according to Adjournment and proceeded to Business as follows Viz.—

on Art. 5th for Repairing Highways: Granted the Sum of £60 for Repairing Highways the Year Ensuing and that the price of Labour be as it was the last Year, ——

on Art. 6 Committee for hiring Schoolmasters: Voted to Chuse a Committee to hire Schoolmasters for the Year Ensuing, Chose Elijah Brigham Dor Uriel Montague and George Brigham for that purpose, ——

Art. 7th Schoolmasters and other Town Debts: Voted and granted the Sum of £100. for the purpose of paying School Masters and other Town Debts the Year Ensuing, ——

Art. 8th Town Debts:

Granted to Wm Collins	£0-10-0
to Mark Collins Junr	1-3-4
to Heman Fay	1-3-4
to Abner Parker	1-11-4
to Ezekl Collins & Reuben Fay	2-6-8
to Thomas Stone	9-15-0
to James Parker	0-5-8
to Asa Fay	0-9-0
to Thomas Stone	0-12-0
to Zaccheus Witherby	0-18-0
to Jonas Ball	1-10-0
to Nicholas Hopping	0-12-0
	£20-16-0

Next Leaf —

on Art. 9th Voted and made Choice of Hezh. Fay, Jonas Ball, Solomon Newton, & Capt. Seth Newton, to be a Committee to Squadron out the Schools.

Art. 10th Voted to let their Swine run at large the Year Ensuing.

on Art. 12 Voted for the Town to procure a good Handsome Cheft Sufficient to Contain all the papers Belonging to the Town, then chose Thomas Stone to make the Same & bring in his account for Allowance

on Art. 14th Voted to allow to John Richards £18. for Serving Constable in the Year 1781 for his Extraordinary Service;

Art. 13th Passed over Finally

Art. 15th Voted to Commit the Petition of Isaac Holden to Capt. Seth Newton Ezekl. Collins & Ezra Taylor who are to Report at some future Townmeeting

On the Same Article Voted to refer the Petition of the Widow Salter to the above Committee

Art. 16th Voted that the Selectmen be Directed to Settle with Jotham Bellows Immediately;

Art. 17th Past in the Negative

Voted to allow the Widdow Salter 3. Cords of Wood the Year Ensuing Struck of to Reuben Fay at 7/6 pr. Cord

Adjourned this Meeting to Monday Next 13th of March 1786

Attest Jona. Champney Moderator

Monday March 13th 1786 The Town Met agreeable to adjournment proceeded to act on the following Articles Viz

on Art. 8th Granted to Hezh. Fay £2-10-0 — £2-10-0

Granted to John Angier
Edmund Chamberlen & Wm. Collins who hired Peter Fay to Keep Mr. Havens Horse £1-8-0
to Stephen Bellows — 0-6-0
to Benj. a Smith — 0-7-0
to Jona. Ward — 0-9-8
to Hezh. Fay — 0-6-0
to Jonas Ball — 0-3-0
£5-9-8

on Art. 11th It was set up to the lowest Bidder; and then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting till Tomorrow 9 o'Clock A. M. at this place

Attest Jona. Champney Moderator

March 14th 1786 the Town being Met passed the following Votes

Voted to give the Collector ~~Five~~ Two Pence on the Pound for Collecting

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March 14th 1786

on Art 2d — Voted to dismiss Capt Nathan Brigham as an Overseer of the Poor and Chose Nathan Fay in his room: then Excused Danl Johnson as an Overseer of the poor and Chose Mark Collins in his Room: —
Voted to Chuse One more Constable & made Choice of Nathan Bridges then reconsidered the Vote to have but one Constable the Year Ensuing
Voted to Chuse a Committee of Two persons to draft the Bonds for Nathan Bridges as a Collector for the Security of the Town, and then Chose Doctr Montague and Solomon Newton for that purpose
Voted that the said Bond be put on Record; then Voted to adjourn this Meeting for One Hour
Attest Jona Champney Moderr

March 14th 1786 the The Town met according to Adjournment and proceeded to Business, —
Excused John Angier as a Warden & made Choise of John Newton
on Art 11th — Made choise of Nathan Bridges Collector. —
Then Voted to Excuse Jonas Ball from Serving as Constable

Then Voted to set up the Burying Yard at Vendue to the highest bidder and it was struck of to David Newton for 7/7 the present Year
Voted to Adjourn this Meeting till the first Monday in April
Attest Jona Champney Moderator

Recorded by Benja Smith Town Clerk —

April 3d 1786 The Town met agreeable to Adjournment and acted as follows Viz. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
on March Warrant

on Art 15th — Voted to allow to Doctr Parker £2 -- 12 -- 0 for Medicines applied to the Widdow Salter
And to Doctr Montague — — — £5 -- 8 -- 6 for Visits and Medicines applied to the Wife of Isaac Holden — — — — —
And to Doctr Joshua Chase — — — £1 -- 10 -- 0 for Visits and Medicines applied to Sd Holdens Wife

Art 8th — Granted to Thomas Stone Nine Shillings for a Chest he made to Deposite the Towns papers, which was dilivered to the Town Clerk.
Then Voted to Dissolve this Meeting Attest Jona Champney Moderator

Recorded by Benja Smith Town Clerk —

March 14th 1786

Bond for Nathan Bridges as Collector

Know all men by these presents that we Nathan Bridges Gent as Principle and Deac. John Fay Gent and George Brigham Yeoman as Sureties for P. Nathanall of Southborough in the County of Worcester and Common Wealth of Massachusetts are holden, and do ~~firmly~~ firmly bound Jointly and Severally unto Mark Collins Esq of said Town County and Commonwealth aforesaid as he the said Mark is Treasurer for said Town of Southborough or to his Successor in said Office of Treasurership for said Town in the full and just Sum of Two Thousand pounds Lawful Money in Silver accounting Silver at Six Shillings and Eight pence the Ounce; to the which payment well and truly to be made we each of us the aforenamed Nathan, John & George bind each of ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators Respectively Jointly and Severally unto him the said Mark Collins Esq as Treasurer or to his Successor or Successors in said office, firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals. Dated the fourteenth Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Six

The Condition of the above written Obligation is such that whereas the above named Nathan Bridges is Chosen and Hired to Serve as a Collector in and for the Town of Southborough of all publick Taxes, Rates, Moneys and Assessments that shall be Granted levied, made and assessed on the Polls, and Real & personal Estates in said Town of Southborough for one Year following and untill other be Chosen and Sworn in his place,

And now if in Case and provided he the said Nathan Bridges shall well and truly faithfully and effectually and with what Speed he can Collect and Levy all such Rates Taxes and Assessments Sum & Sums of Money which shall be Committed to him to Collect and for which he shall have Sufficient Warrant rendering a true account thereof and paying in the Same into the Several Treasuries as he shall be directed and Required to do according to the direction in the Several Warrants which shall be Committed to him ~~to Collect~~ and that so timely fully, effectually and without Delay so as that said Town of Southborough shall and doth not lose Suffer or Sustain any Damage by Loss of Money fine or expence by his Neglect or failure of and in his Duty of Collector as aforesaid for said Town in Said time of his Collectorship. Then the above written Obligation to be fully and absolutely Void Null and of none effect allso to remain in full force and Virtue

Signed Sealed & Dilivered
in presence of
Jon.a Ward
Jon.a Champney

Nathan Bridges — (L.S.)
John Fay — (L.S.)
George Brigham — (L.S.)

A True Copy from the Original Attest Benj.a Smith J. Clerk

April Warrant

Worcester ss. To Nathan Bridges Constable for Southborough. Greeting

(Seal)

You are hereby Required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Southborough — Qualified to Vote for Governour; Lt Governour and Senators Agreeable to the Constitution, to Meet at the Meeting House in said Town, on Monday the 3d Day of April Next at 1 Clock P.M. to Act on the following Articles Viz.

1st For the Town to bring in their Votes for Governour Lt Governor and Senators agreeable to the Constitution;

2dly To Chuse a Moderator for the remaining part of the Meeting

Turn Over

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III To see if the Town will agree to let each Squadron draw their proportion of £100 for Building School Houses as Granted by the Town in the Year 1785 or Act thereon as they think fit when Met

IIII To See if the Town will Grant to Hezh Fay and others all the ground that can be spared West of that Granted to Majr Champney and others in the Year 1781 for the purpose of building Stables thereon or pass any Vote or Votes as they think fit when Met —

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant to the Selectmen with your doings thereon on or before the time for holding Said Meeting. — — —

Dated at Southborough this 22d day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Six — — — — —

By order of the Selectmen Benja Smith T. Clerk

Return of Warrant

Worcester ss. April 3d 1786; I have Executed the within Warrant by Posting the Contents, Agreeable to the Vote of Said Town

Nathan Bridges Constable for Southbro

Southborough April 3d 1786, The Town being Met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant proceeded to Business as follows Viz—

On Art 1st

For Governor { For the Honble James Bowdoin Esqr 24 Votes
For the Honble John Hancock Esqr 2 Votes

For Lt Governor { For the Honble Thomas Cushing Esqr 27 Votes

Senators

1st { For Honble Moses Gill 24 Votes

2d { For the Honble Samll Baker Esqr 23 Votes
For Jona Ward Esqr 1 Vote
For Seth Washburn Esqr 1 Vote

3d { For the Honble Seth Washburn 15 Votes
For John Sprague Esqr 1 Vote

4th { For Abel Wilder Esqr 15 Votes

5th For John Fessenden Esqr 21 Votes
for John Sprague Esqr 1

2d Art. Made Choice of Jona Champney Moderator for the Meeting

3d Art. Voted to let each Squadron draw their proportion of £100 for the purpose of Building School Houses and to be Obliged to lay the money out for that purpose; and to Chuse a Committee to Squadron out the above £100 and to Draw each Squadrons proportion of the Same, and that the Committee Consist of Four; Then made Choice of

Committee — Solomon Newton, Ezra Taylor, Capt. Seth Newton, & Mark Collins Junr.

Art. 4th — Voted to chuse a Committee of Three persons to View the ground that can be Spared for the purpose as Mentioned in the Article; then Chose

Committee — Jonas Ball, Ezra Taylor, & Wm Pritchard;

Then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting for Half an Hour

Jona Champney Moderator

The Town being together according to Adjournment. Voted to Adjourn this Meeting, till May Meeting:

Attest Jona Champney Moderator

Recorded by Benja Smith Town Clerk

May 15th 1786 The town being met according to adjournment acted as Follows Viz. ———————————————

on Art. 4 — Voted ~~to grant to~~ and granted to Hezh Fay Erasmus Ward & Peter Fay to them and their Heirs and assigns forever Twenty six Feet in length and Twelve Feet in breadth Joining to that Granted to Majr Champney and others, for the purpose of building Stables thereon leaving Ten Feet from the East End of Thomas Stones Wall as it now Stands;

Then Voted to Dissolve this Meeting Attest Jona Champney Moderator —

Recorded by Benja Smith Town Clerk —

Warrant

(Seal) Worcester ss. To Nathan Bridges Constable for Southborough

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts we Command you to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble at the publick Meeting House in said Southborough on Monday the 3d Day of April Instant at 4 Clock P. M. then and there to Act on the following Articles. viz. —

(1st) To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting —

(2d) For the Town to hear the report of the Selectmen respecting a Demand made of them by the Town of Barre for the keeping of Eunice Snyder and act thereon as the Town think fit when Met.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this Twenty Eighth Day of March In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Six —

Jona Champney
Mark Collins Junr
Edmund Chamberlain
} Selectmen for Southborough

April 3d 1786

Worcester ss. April 3d 1786. I have Executed the foregoing Warrant by posting
Return of Warrant a Copy of the Contents of the Same agreeable to the Vote of Sd Town

Nathan Bridges Constable for Southborough

Southborough April 3d 1786 the Town being met agreeable to a Warrant Issued March 28th 1786 proceeded to Business as follows. Viz-

on Art. 1st - Made Choice of Nathan Bridges Moderator - - - - - - -

2d Art. - Voted not to allow the Demand made by the Town of Barre for Nursing and Boarding Eunice Amsden being &c

Then by a Vote of the Town Dissolvd the Meeting.

Attest Nathan Bridges Moderator -

Recorded by Benja Smith Town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting

(Seal) Worcester ss. To Nathan Bridges Constable for Southborough

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified to Vote for Representatives to assemble at the publick meeting house in said Southborough on Monday the 15th Day of May Instant at 1 o Clock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz. - -

Art. 1st - To bring in their Votes for a Representative. - - - - -

(2d) To Chuse a Moderator for the remaining part of the Warrant. -

(3d) For the town to bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer. - - -

(4th) For the town to accept of a list of Surveyors laid before them. - - -

(5th) For the town to give the Several Constables Direction whether the Constables shall Destrain the bodys of certain persons and carry them to Goal or whether they shall forbear with them any longer, or for the Town to act on the Same as they think fit when met. -

(6th) For the town to hear the request of Jona Stearns to have part of his Rates being abated that is Sett to Paul Newtons List of Assessment. - - -

(7th) - For the town to hear the Request of Paul Newton to have the Rates of Samuel Blackdens abated or to act as the town think proper when met. - - - -

(8th) For the town to hear the plea of Richard Barns relating to haying Constable Pay Some paper money. - - - - - -

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October 2007

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SOUTHBOROUGH, MA

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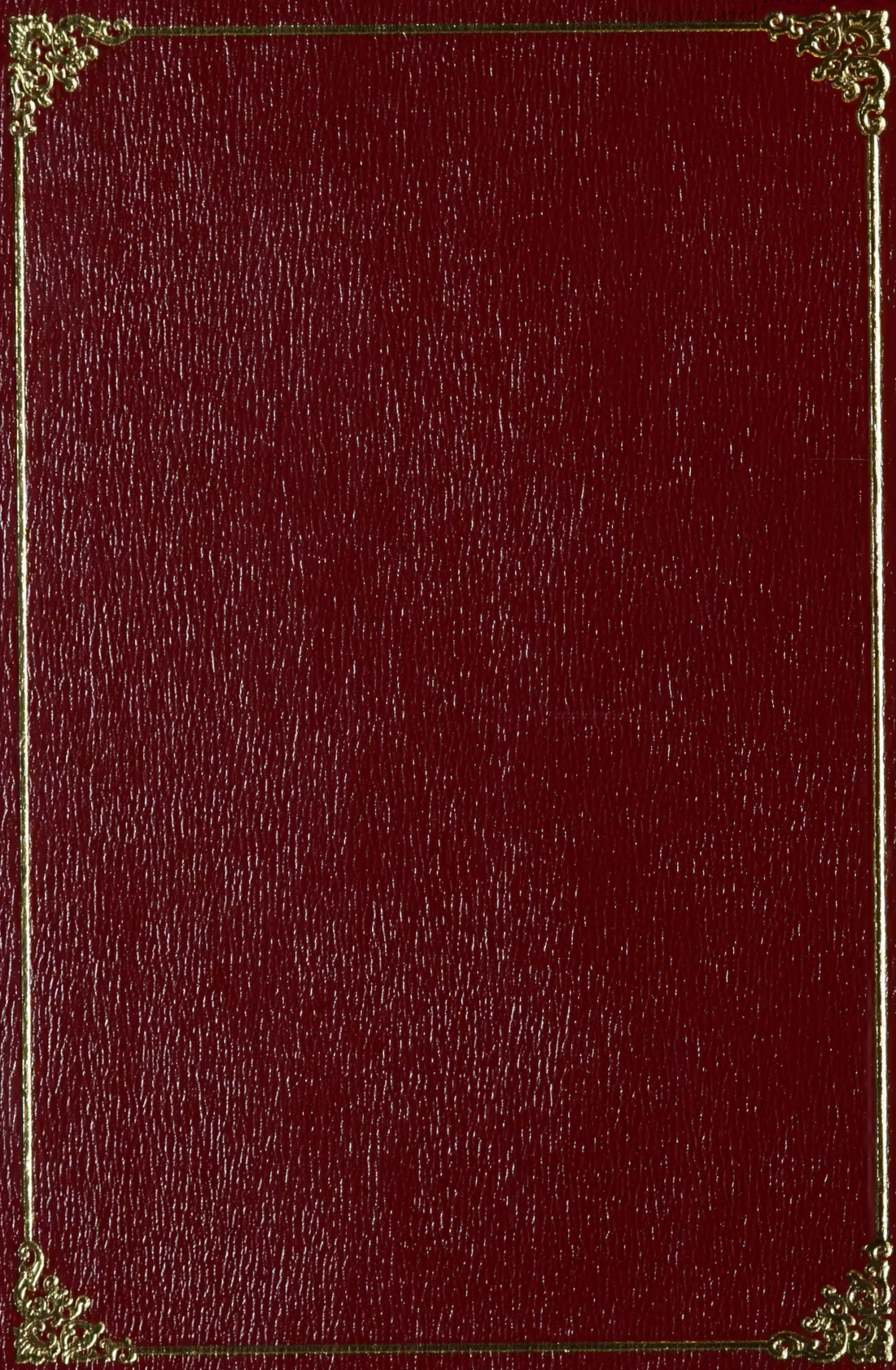
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